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Big bans

Rochdale striker Calvin Andrew has been banned for 12 matches by the FA after elbowing an Oldham player in the face during an off-the-ball incident in last weekend's derby between the League One rivals.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look back at some of the game's longest suspensions in England.

ERIC CANTONA

Was handed a nine-month suspension from all football and ordered to complete 120 hours of community service following a kung-fu kick on a Crystal Palace fan at Selhurst Park in 1995.

RIO FERDINAND

England defender Ferdinand was handed an eight-month ban in December 2003 after he missed a drugs test, ruling the Manchester United centre-back out of Euro 2004.

JOEY BARTON

Handed a 12-game suspension after being found guilty of two charges of violent conduct in QPR's 3-2

David Prutton

defeat at Manchester City in 2012. The former City midfielder had already been sent off before kicking Sergio Aguero and attempting to headbutt Vincent Kompany.

PAOLO DI CANIO

Chalked up an 11-match suspension and a £10,000 fine in 1998 after he pushed over referee Paul Alcock when at Sheffield Wednesday against Arsenal.

LUIS SUAREZ

The Liverpool striker was banned for 10 matches in 2013 after biting Branislav Ivanovic. In 2011 Suarez was banned for eight matches for racially abusing Patrice Evra.

DAVID PRUTTON

The Saints midfielder was punished with a 10-game ban and fined £6,000 by the FA after shoving referee Alan Wiley following his red card against Arsenal in 2005.

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History firmly

By Simon **Carter**

HISTORY as well as recent form suggests Saints will beat Hull City again this weekend.

Saints have won the last six league games between the two clubs, with the Tigers only scoring two goals in that time.

In addition, Hull are this Sunday aiming to avoid losing seven successive Premier League games for the first time ever.

Saints have won seven of the last eight games with Hull, with their only defeat a shattering 5-0 loss at the KC Stadium in March 2008.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at the recent fixtures ...

Saints 4 Hull 0

December 8, 2007

Bradley Wright-Phillips gives George Burley's Saints a half-time lead, before Stern John fires a second half hat-trick in the space of 20 minutes.

John, who had arrived from Sunderland earlier in the season, struck in the 58th minute before adding further goals in the 76th and 78th minutes.

Hull 5 Saints 0

March 15 2008

Saints' five match unbeaten league run under Nigel Pearson was comprehensively ended.

Frazier Campbell scored the only goal of the first half, before the floodgates opened for Henrik Pedersen (55), Michael Turner (57), Dean Marney (68) and Bryan Hughes (90).

In goal for Saints was young Michael Poke, who was making his third - and, as it turned out, last - senior start for the club.

Having left Eastleigh earlier this year, Poke is currently playing for National League club Woking.

Saints 2 Hull 1

November 29, 2011

Goals from Guly Do Prado and Adam Lallana gave Saints their 10th successive home league win since the start of the 2011/12 Championship campaign.

Robert Koren had given Hull a 43rd minute lead, and the Tigers ended with 10 men after Robbie Brady was sent off 11 minutes from time.

Hull 0 Saints 2

March 20, 2012

Nigel Adkins' Saints took another big step on the road to a second successive promotion.

They took an early lead through a Jack Hobbs own goal, with defender Jos Hooiveld completing the win in the second half.

Victor Wanyama celebrates scoring Saints' winner at Hull in September 2014. Main pic - James Ward-Prowse scores from the spot against the Tigers in April 2015.

Saints 4 Hull 1

November 5, 2013

Adam Lallana scored a superb solo goal to put Saints 3-0 up inside the first 37 minutes at St Mary's.

Morgan Schneiderlin (16) and Rickie Lambert (30, penalty) had earlier netted.

After Yannick Sagbo had pulled one back for the Tigers, Steven Davis struck two minutes from time.

Hull 0 Saints 1

February 11 2014

Jose Fonte scored the only goal with 21 minutes remaining.

Hull 0 Saints 1

November 1 2014

Saints stayed second in the Premier League after their 10th league and cup win in 11 matches under Ronald Koeman.

Victor Wanyama capitalised on a poor clearance from third-choice Hull keeper Eldin Jakupovic after just three minutes to score from 40 yards.

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on Saints' side

Adam Lallana, top, scores past Hull City goalkeeper Steve Harper in Saints' 4-1 win in November 2013. Right - Jose Fonte celebrates with fans after a Saints goal at Hull in March 2012.

It was the Kenyan's third goal in his last six league appearances, having failed to net in his previous 26.

Saints 2 Hull 0

April 11 2015

James Ward-Prowse scored his first ever league goal for Saints to put them on the road to victory.

He converted a 56th minute penalty before Graziano Pelle struck his first league goal of 2015 nine minutes from time.

● Hull enter this weekend's game having lost their last six league games - a run stretching back to mid September.

Here is that dire run ...

Hull 1 Arsenal 4

September 17

Jake Livermore was sent off for the hosts five minutes before half-time, with Arsenal already leading through Alexis Sanchez.

Theo Walcott doubled the lead and, after Robert Snodgrass had reduced the deficit from the penalty spot, Sanchez and Granit Xhaka scored the for Gunners.

Liverpool 5 Hull 1

September 24

Another caning, and another red card.

This time Ahmed Elmohamady was dismissed just before the half hour mark, with Hull already trailing to an Adam Lallana strike.

James Miler made it two from the penalty awarded for Elmohamady's foul, and Sadio Mane made it 3-0 at half-time.

After David Meyler scored for Hull, Philippe Coutinho instantly replied and Milner converted his second penalty.

Hull 0 Chelsea 2

October 1

Second half goals from Willian (61) and Diego Costa (67) sentenced Hull to another loss.

Cherries 6 Hull 1

October 15

The Tigers' woes continued as Bournemouth ran riot thanks to goals from Charlie Daniels (5), Steve Cook (41), Junior Stanislas (pen 45, 65), Callum Wilson (83) and Dan Gosling (88).

Ryan Mason had provided brief joy with a 34th minute leveller.

Hull 0 Stoke 2

October 22

Xherdan Shaqiri scored two long range stunners for the Potters.

Watford 1 Hull 0

October 29

Hull were eight minutes away from their first point since September 10 when Michael Dawson deflected a shot into his own goal.

Global pillow partners

Manchester United's portfolio of global affiliates gained a proud new addition on Monday, with Chinese company Mlily etching its name in the club's history books by becoming its first ever mattress and pillow partner.

Here are some of the other unexpected business associates United's commercial department has attracted.

NISSIN FOODS

The inventors of the world's first ever instant noodle also have the distinction of being United's global noodle partner. A television advert sees Nissin's 'Red Samurai' dribble a ball through Manchester before a final skills showdown with some black-clad foes at Old Trafford.

20th CENTURY FOX

United have landed one of the biggest names of all as its feature-film partner, and have already set to work on some crossover promotions. Eagle-eyed fans at United's game against Bournemouth in May spotted the team mascots daubed in blue paint in honour of Jennifer Lawrence's X-Men character Mystique. But that was nothing compared to Wayne Rooney's cameo in an advert featuring the film's cast, during which he is selected to fight super-villain Apocalypse.

CHO-A PHARM LTD

Any United staff who come into prescription difficulties in Korea or Vietnam need not worry, for that is precisely the domain of their pharmaceutical partner in the region.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

This union has clearly been a success, with both parties agreeing to extend an initial four-year agreement by the same term earlier this year. United's Academy play at least one match a year in Hong Kong as a result.

EUROFOOD

Ever had the munchies in Myanmar, missed lunch in Laos or had chocolate cravings in Cambodia? If you have, you may have noticed a wide range of confectionery snacks bearing the famous United crest. That's the result of a 2014 deal between the club and the makers of the Euro Choco Pie.

EUROPA LEAGUE GROUPS - HOW THEY STAND

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Feyenoord	4	2	1	1	3	2	7
Fenerbahçe	4	2	1	1	5	6	7
Man United	4	2	0	2	6	4	6
Zorya Luh	4	0	2	2	2	4	2

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APOEL	4	3	0	1	5	4	9
Olympiacos	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
Young Boys	3	1	1	2	3	3	4
Astana	4	0	2	2	3	7	2

Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	4	2	2	0	11	4	8
Saint-Étienne	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
Mainz 05	4	1	2	1	6	9	5
Gabala	4	0	0	4	4	9	0

Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zenit SP	4	4	0	0	13	5	12
M Tel Aviv	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Dundalk	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
AZ	4	0	2	2	2	8	2

Group E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	4	2	2	0	12	6	8
Austria V	4	1	2	1	8	9	5
Astra Giurgiu	4	1	1	2	5	9	4
Viktoria Plze	4	0	3	1	3	4	3

Group F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Genk	4	2	0	2	10	9	6
Ath Bilbao	4	2	0	2	6	8	6
Sassuolo	4	1	2	1	7	6	5
Rapid Vienna	4	1	2	1	6	6	5

Group G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	4	3	1	0	8	5	10
Celta Vigo	4	1	2	1	7	6	5
St Liège	4	1	2	1	6	4	5
Panathinaikos	4	0	1	3	3	9	1

Group H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sh Donetsk	4	4	0	0	13	3	12
Braga	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Gent	4	1	1	2	6	11	4
Konyaspor	4	0	1	3	2	7	1

Group I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Schalke 04	4	4	0	0	7	1	12
Krasnodar	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Salzburg	4	1	0	3	3	5	3
Nice	4	1	0	3	3	8	3

Group J

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiorentina	4	3	1	0	11	2	7
Qaraba	4	2	1	1	6	7	7
PAOK	4	1	1	2	2	4	4
Slovan Liberec	4	0	1	2	4	10	1

Group K

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sp Prague	4	3	0	1	6	4	9
SAINTS	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Be'er Sheva	4	1	1	2	2	3	4
Inter	4	1	0	3	3	7	3

Group L

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Osmanlıspor	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Villarreal	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Zürich	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
St Bucharest	4	0	3	1	2	4	3

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Puel's gamble

By Peter **Howard**

It was a huge gamble.

On the biggest night, possibly, in Saints' history, Claude Puel doesn't deviate.

The manager doesn't play his strongest side despite outside pressure to do so.

Saints are welcoming Italian giants Inter Milan to St Mary's.

The stadium is sold out.

The game is a massive reward - and the crown jewel of their Europa League campaign - for the toil and misery the club went through in the past eight years.

From the brink of bankruptcy, languishing in the lower leagues, to Premier League status and then, the moment to mark a new high, Inter at St Mary's.

But that's something for the supporters to hold onto.

That's something for those that have followed the club for many years.

It's for legendary former players and those who helped Saints back from the brink.

It was all of those mentioned above who knew what it meant.

Every fan inside St Mary's tasted the sense of the occasion.

The atmosphere was marvellous.

Under the lights at St Mary's, it had all the hallmarks of a night to remember.

As Maya Yoshida said, it was one of the best atmospheres in recent times.

This night. This occasion. It wasn't for Claude Puel. It wasn't for the current players.

Yes, they would have posted on social media their joy at the result. Yes, they would have spoken after the game to say what a brilliant moment it was.

But for most of them, with the exception of some of the academy players and Jose Fonte, this was a game. Nothing more.

They were thinking about this logically. In a clinical, professional manner.

But that's their job.

That's what they have to do as professional football managers and players. They have to do a job.

No matter how much we wish that wasn't the case. That they were welling up with emotion at the sight of St Mary's in all its glory.

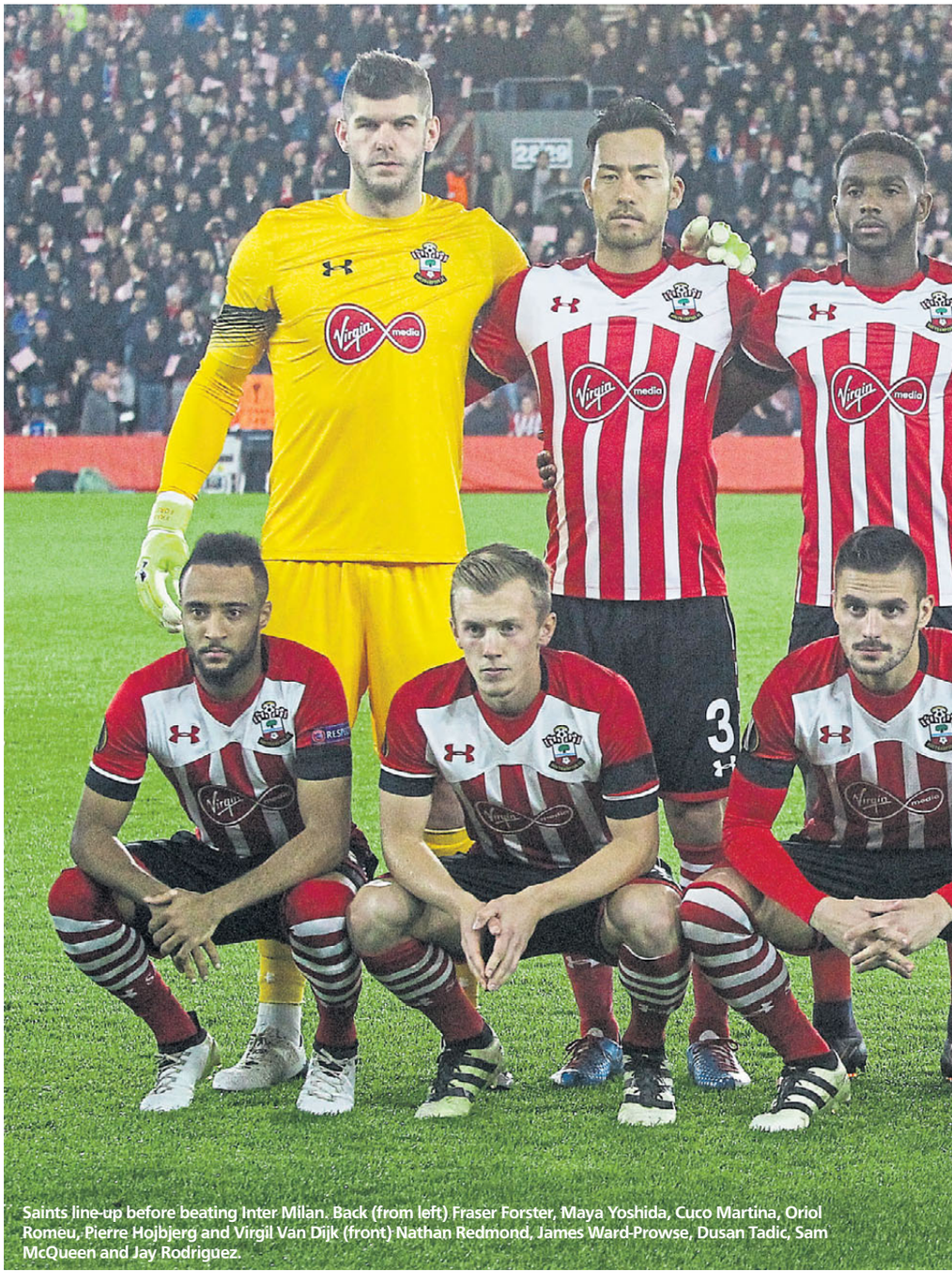
But, really, it wouldn't have been like that for them.

They were focused on the task.

And that was reflected in Puel's team selection.

No Jose Fonte. No Charlie Austin. No Ryan Bertrand.

Twitter was awash with comments suggesting that it was a mistake to be playing a weakened team in such a big night for the club.



Saints line-up before beating Inter Milan. Back (from left) Fraser Forster, Maya Yoshida, Cuco Martina, Oriol Romeu, Pierre Hojbjerg and Virgil Van Dijk (front) Nathan Redmond, James Ward-Prowse, Dusan Tadic, Sam McQueen and Jay Rodriguez.

Despite the fans and journalists alike questioning what had Puel had done – picking a weaker team for an iconic night – it was actually nothing different.

Puel was not deviating from his plan.

He wasn't going to spoil his squad rotation because of the emotion of playing Inter Milan at St Mary's.

That's what Saints hired him for. To get results. Not to get carried away with a night that means so much to the area, to the supporters.

No, he is there to get the job done.

Like a surgeon, while the family sit and wait for an operation on a loved one to be over, the surgeon is there, nearly emotionless, just focused on the task.

Puel took a risk.

Well, it was a risk from an outside view, but Puel was simply trusting his system, his policy.

To him there was no risk. It wasn't even a choice. He stuck to his plan.

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that paid off ...

And that was a brave decision.

He shouldn't be lauded for it – it's his job.

Like the players. They know what they have to do and they get it done.

As we see all the time in modern football, there is scarcely an ounce of loyalty to shake a stick at.

Players move around all the time, jumping from club to club, to one emotional European night or play-off victory or miserable relegation to another.

Rarely are they caught up in the emotion of it all.

I suppose the best way of relating to it is that it is a job to them, a means of earning money – a lot of it too.

It is, therefore, the job of the fans, the job of the club's icons and those who shared those emotional moments from League One to Premier League, to bask in the glory of the night.

They know what it all means.

The players and manager the club have now are a result of that success, the hard work that goes back years.

Those on the field and in the dugout are out there to get the job done, which they managed to do.

If they hadn't then we could be talking about Puel not prioritising the Europa League.

We could probably still talk about that in that he is always playing a perceived weaker team for the Europa League.

Perhaps he is devaluing what it means for Saints to be playing in the competition by not playing the best players at his disposal.

But there is no doubt that it is getting results.

So, at this stage, we can put that argument to one side.

If there comes such time as Claude's rotation costs the club progression in the tournament, then is the time to criticise.

But as things stand, Saints are well placed to qualify.

It's in their hands, so Puel and his selections cannot to be vilified.

They made hard work of it, but Saints beat Inter Milan at St Mary's.

Put your Saints 2009/10 shirt on. Sit down. Look at the Dagenham & Redbridge programme from six years ago.

Go back to those moments and then think ... Saints beat Inter Milan at St Mary's.

That is a fact. Nobody can take that away from the club.

Once players and managers inevitably move on, again there will be a sense of upheaval.

But nobody can take it away from Saints. They defeated Inter Milan.

What a night it was.

St Mary's full to the brim. The atmosphere electric.

Young, old, middle aged – all Saints fans will remember that night forever.

And it was made possible by Puel and his players.

They might ultimately just be professionals. There to get the job done, but they create this magic for the fans. They are the ones who deliver the dream.

And who knows what will come next.

If this one is anything to go by, St Mary's could become the venue for more famous European nights.

Such is the ever-changing world of football, who knows what is round the corner? The talk of a Chinese takeover this week only backs that up.

Look at Inter. They used to be top dogs. Now they languish at the bottom of the Europa League group and sit 12th in Serie A.

Times have been much better for them, but they will never experience a Tuesday night trip to Hartlepool.

Those days in the lower leagues make beating Inter Milan at St Mary's so much sweeter.

Seventh favourites

SAINTS are seventh favourites to win the Europa League after their historic group success against Inter Milan.

Bookies Boylesports make Claude Puel's men a 20-1 shot to lift the silverware, and with it a place in next season's Champions League.

Despite losing 2-1 to Fenerbahce on Thursday in Group A, Manchester United remain the favourites to win the competition - but Jose Mourinho's side, now third in their group, have been eased to 7/1 from 5/1.

Their nearest rivals in the betting are Roma at 11/1 whilst it's 16/1 about Zenit St. Petersburg, Shakhtar Donetsk, Schalke and Fiorentina.

Manchester United are 11/10 to win Group A.

Dundalk's chances of reaching the next round still remain on track despite losing 2-1 away to Zenit St. Petersburg.

The Irish outsiders currently lie in second place in Group D and are 6/4 to make it to the next round.

Saints v Inter Milan.

Stephen Kenny's side are 500/1 to do a Leicester City on it and go all the way and win the Europa League.

Outright Betting

Manchester United 7/1
Roma 11/1
Zenit St Petersburg 16/1
Shakhtar Donetsk 16/1
Schalke 16/1
Fiorentina 16/1
Southampton 20/1
Athletic Bilbao 20/1
Villarreal 20/1
Ajax 28/1
Olympiakos 40/1
Celta Vigo 40/1
Fenerbahce 40/1
Inter Milan 50/1
St Etienne 50/1
Feyenoord 50/1
Anderlecht 50/1
Sporting Braga 66/1
FK Krasnodar 66/1
Sassuolo 66/1
Mainz 66/1
Sparta Prague 80/1
Nice 80/1
Genk 100/1
Gent 100/1
Standard Liege 100/1
Hapoel Be'er Sheva 125/1
Austria Vienna 125/1

EFL TROPHY TABLES

Northern Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton U21	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Cheltenham	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Blackpool	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Bolton	2	1	0	1	1	2	3

Northern Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Accrington	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Wolves U21	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Chesterfield	2	1	0	1	3	5	3

Northern Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Bury	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Morecambe	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Stoke City	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Northern Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlisle	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
Oldham	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Fleetwood	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Blackburn U21	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Northern Group E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Doncaster	2	1	1	0	4	2	5
Port Vale	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Mansfield	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Derby U21	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Northern Group F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale	2	1	1	0	3	2	5
Sunderland U21	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Notts County	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Hartlepool	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

Northern Group G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scunthorpe	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Cambridge	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Middlesboro U21	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Shrewsbury	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Northern Group H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
Leicester U21	2	1	1	0	1	1	5
Sheff Utd	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Grimsby	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

Southern Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading U21	2	1	1	0	5	4	5
Yeovil	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Bristol Rovers	2	0	1	1	2	3	2
Portsmouth	2	0	1	1	5	6	1

Southern Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Plymouth	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Swansea City U21	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Newport	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

Southern Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	2	1	1	0	2	1	5
Oxford Utd	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Exeter	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
Chelsea U21	2	0	0	2	3	5	0

Southern Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Coventry	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
West Ham U21	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
Northampton	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Southern Group E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crawley	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Saints U21	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Charlton	2	0	1	1	0	2	2
Colchester	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

Southern Group F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich U21	2	2	0	0	11	1	6
MK Dons	2	1	1	0	3	2	5
Barnet	2	0	1	1	2	7	1
Peterborough	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

Southern Group G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Leyton Orient	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Brighton U21	2	0	1	1	2	4	2
Stevenage	2	0	1	1	3	5	1

Southern Group H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Millwall	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Gillingham	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
West Brom U21	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

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Chelsea, Inter -

By Simon **Carter**

Less than a fortnight ago it was Sunderland in the League Cup.

Last weekend, it was Chelsea in the Premier League, one of the richest sporting competitions in planet earth.

This week Inter Milan - a blue riband European name, even if they currently a pale shadow of their former selves - racking up at St Mary's for a glamour Europa League tie.

Next Wednesday, it's Crawley Town in the Checkatrade EFL Trophy, a competition where recent games have been regularly watched by crowds of under 1,000

Welcome to the wonderful world of Southampton Football Club where, it seems, there's always another game, in a different competition, a few days later ...

From Inter Milan to Crawley, two competitive games involving Saints at the same stadium within a week.

Yet the difference can hardly be more marked.

People care about Saints in Europe, about watching Inter Milan.

They don't care about games against Crawley in a widely-ridiculed tournament.

Well, some supporters will care enough to turn up next Wednesday.

Not many, though.

Almost certainly more than the 791 who were at Colchester last month to see Saints win 2-1 - the lowest crowd, unsurprisingly, for a competitive game at the Weston Homes Community Stadium.

And hopefully more than the 1,336 who saw Saints drew their opening Checkatrade game at Charlton's Valley ground back in August.

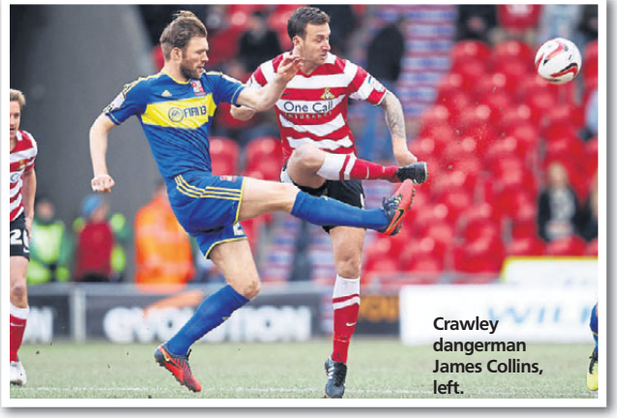
As has been well documented now, Saints are one of 16 Premier League and Championship clubs who are fielding their under-21 side in the tournament formerly known as the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Yes, the JPT - the competition that saw over 50,000 Saints fans enjoy a memorable day out at Wembley back in March 2010.

There has been much wailing and gnashing of teeth from lower division clubs, officials and certainly supporters with regards to Saints and their 15 higher echelon rivals.

Numerous calls by fans groups for lower division supporters to boycott the games seems to have worked - witness some of the pitifully small attendances in a competition which has perennially been blighted by low crowds in the early rounds.

Sam McQueen, left, celebrates scoring for Saints in their EFL Trophy win at Colchester



Crawley dangerman James Collins, left.

There were initially fears that inviting the top clubs could see one - or even two - of them contesting the final of a tournament which has always been for third and fourth tier clubs.

Saints have two good chances of reaching Wembley in the FA Cup and League Cup, so the argument went - why give them another one via the EFL Trophy? A fair point, but results so far have given little indication an under-21 club will go all the way to the final.

Chelsea, West Ham, Stoke, West Brom, Middlesbrough and Blackburn are already out after losing their first two group games.

After the first two rounds of matches, only three under-21 clubs out of the 16 are top of their groups - and only one, Norwich, boast a 100 per cent record.

Another one, Everton, are only top on goal difference - all four clubs in their group having three points after two games.

Saints, Norwich, Reading, Leicester and Sunderland are the only five clubs out of the 16 still unbeaten in 90 minutes.

As a result, Martin Hunter's Saints will progress to the knock-out stages as group winners if they win on Wednesday.

If they draw, they will also go through as runners-up - Crawley will win the group - unless Charlton (who haven't scored in the tournament so far) beat Colchester convincingly.

Saints could even lose at St Mary's and still progress, providing Charlton don't win.

So, for the benefit of the die-hards who will be at St Mary's next Wednesday, who are the players to watch in the Crawley side?

James Collins has been a regular marksman in lower division football in recent years.

The former Aston Villa trainee netted 16 goals for Shrewsbury in 2011/12, winning himself a move

PINK INK SAINTS

and Crawley!

to Swindon.

After netting 15 goals in 2012/13, he was signed by Scottish Premier League club Hibernian for £200,000.

Six goals in 36 appearances later, his Scottish dream was over.

Returning to Shrewsbury, he struck 17 goals as the Shropshire club won promotion from League 2.

Last season, after falling out of favour with the club, he repeated the feat - going on loan to Northampton and netting eight times in 21 games as the Cobblers won promotion from the fourth tier.

Moving onto Crawley this summer, he is aiming for a League 2 promotion hat-trick. The 25-year-old has so far scored five times in 15 League 2 outings for the Sussex club who, prior to this weekend, had gone four league games without a win.

Collins also scored Crawley's winner in the EFL Trophy at home to Colchester, and netted again in a 2-0 win at Charlton.

Adi Yussuf was also on target at The Valley, scene of Saints' penalty shoot out loss in August.

Yussuf, a former Leicester City trainee, is on loan from League 2 rivals Mansfield Town.

He had joined the Stags in the summer of 2015 after belting 27 goals in his only season with Oxford City in Conference North.

Yussuf's main claim to fame during his time at Field Mill, however, has not come on the pitch.

Instead, he received a five game ban and a £700 fine from the FA for urinating at the back of the stand while warming-up as an unused sub during a league game against Plymouth last March!

In charge of Crawley is Dermot Drummy, who was only appointed last April following Mark Yates' departure.

Crawley ended 2015/16 with eight successive league defeats, though only the last two were under the new manager's tenure.

Drummy arrived from Chelsea, where he had been youth and under-21 coach since early 2009.

While at Stamford Bridge, he guided the Blues to the 2009/10 FA Youth Cup, their first win in the competition for 49 years.

Drummy made a stack of signings in the close season, including signing Billy Clifford from Boreham Wood. Clifford had been a part of Drummy's FA Youth Cup winning side.

Drummy also signed Eastleigh midfielder Josh Payne, who was deemed surplus to requirements by Chris Todd after only a season in Hampshire.

Payne was a regular in the first few weeks of the season but has missed the last two months through injury.

Derby stats

Arsenal host fierce local rivals Tottenham on Sunday with both looking to stay in the mix at the top of the Premier League.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at some of the numbers around the Emirates Stadium clash.

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The number of goals averaged in the 10 Premier League games contested between the neighbours at the Emirates since it opened in 2006, including back-to-back 5-2 Arsenal wins in 2012.

10

Emmanuel Adebayor boasts the record for the most goals scored in the fixture, having hit eight for Arsenal before crossing the north London divide and bagging twice in the derby during his spell at Spurs.

21

It has been a long 21 years since Tottenham last finished above Arsenal in the Premier League. It was at the end of 1994/95 with Spurs finishing seventh under Gerry Francis as the Gunners languished in 12th after George Graham's near nine-year stint as boss had come to an end earlier in the campaign.

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The number of north London derbies Arsene Wenger has managed. He has won on 22 occasions.

Arsene Wenger.

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Cup change

The League Cup is to be renamed the Carabao Cup after the Thai energy drinks brand signed a three-year deal starting from next season.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at the competition's various sponsors.

1981-1986

The Milk Marketing Board was the first sponsor and the tournament was renamed the Milk Cup. Liverpool were the winners in the first four years, followed by Norwich and Oxford.

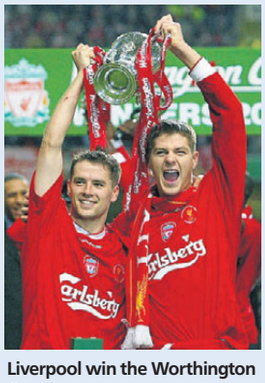
1986-1990

Littlewoods took over title sponsorship and Arsenal, Luton and Nottingham Forest twice lifted the cup.

1990-1992

Electronic retailer Rumbelows was the next to put its name to the tournament and the Rumbelows Cup was won by Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United.

1992-1998



Liverpool win the Worthington Cup.

The competition attracted soft drinks giant Coca-Cola, who put its name to it for six seasons. Arsenal, Aston Villa twice, Liverpool, Leicester and Chelsea were the champions.

1998-2003

Brewers Worthington's took over, sponsoring the cup for five years. It was won by Tottenham, Leicester, Blackburn and, on two occasions, Liverpool.

2003-2012

Middlesbrough, Tottenham, Birmingham and Liverpool won the Carling Cup once, Chelsea twice and Manchester United on three occasions.

2012-2016

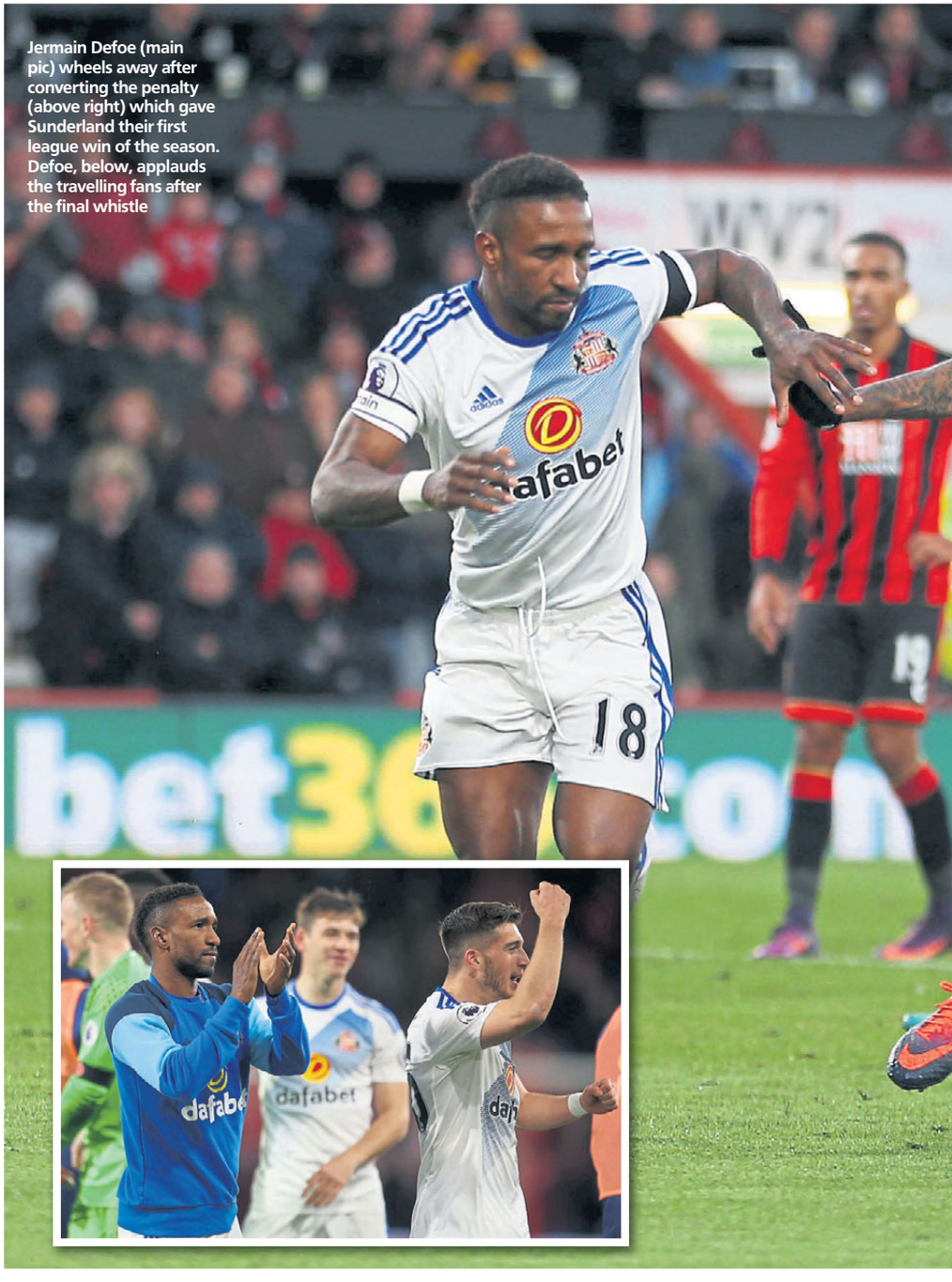
Financial corporation Capital One was the last title sponsor. Swansea, Chelsea and Manchester City twice were the Capital One Cup champions.

PINK CHERRIES FOOTBALL

Defoe penalty

By Andy **Sims**

CHERRIES 1 SUNDERLAND 2



Jermain Defoe (main pic) wheels away after converting the penalty (above right) which gave Sunderland their first league win of the season. Defoe, below, applauds the travelling fans after the final whistle

Victor Anichebe inspired rock-bottom Sunderland to their first win of the season and lifted some of the pressure on David Moyes.

Anichebe, whose only notable contribution this term had been a Twitter gaffe after the recent defeat at West Ham, was handed a first Premier League start at Bournemouth by under-fire manager Moyes.

And the former Everton striker responded with his first goal in 18 months, to cancel out Dan Gosling's opener, before winning the penalty which Jermain Defoe dispatched to seal a 2-1 victory.

The win was all the more remarkable given Sunderland had Steven Pienaar sent off with half an hour to go for a crude challenge on Junior Stanislas.

The Black Cats remain at the foot of the table but Moyes can at least breathe again amid reports claiming he could be sacked if they had lost at Dean Court.

A victory certainly did not look on the cards after 11 minutes when Bournemouth took the lead.

Harry Arter forced Jordan Pickford into a fine save with a fierce drive but Sunderland switched off from the corner, which Bournemouth took short.

Adam Smith had all the time in the world to swing the ball across the six-yard box and Gosling bundled in his third goal of the season.

Bournemouth smashed six past Hull last month and sensed the chance to fill their boots again.

Josh King played in Stanislas, who hit the side-netting, before Stanislas returned the compliment and King was only denied by the alert Pickford.

Yet totally against the run of play Sunderland grabbed a 33rd-minute lifeline through Anichebe's first goal since he scored for West Brom at Newcastle in May 2015.

The former Everton forward collected Defoe's pass in the box and held off Simon Francis before turning and crashing his shot into the roof of the net.

The Wearsiders had the ball in the net again moments before half-time, but Duncan Watmore was flagged offside as he converted a Billy Jones cross.

Pienaar's red mist came on the hour mark, the midfielder catching Stanislas' shin right under the nose of referee Mike Dean to put Sunderland on the back foot and leave Moyes, in the stands due to a touchline ban, looking on in disbelief.

Bournemouth piled forward again and Gosling slipped in Stanislas, who fired across Pickford only to see his effort clip the far post.

But remarkably it was the 10 men of Sunderland who took the lead after Smith tripped Anichebe in the 74th minute and Defoe tucked in the spot-kick.

Stunned Bournemouth tried desperately for an equaliser, but for once Sunderland managed to hold out with Pickford's superb stop to deny King finally securing that elusive win.

● Harry Kane and Jack Wilshere will be hoping for recalls when interim manager Gareth Southgate names what could be his final England squad on Sunday.

Southgate's temporary arrangement with the Football Association expires after the double header of Friday's World Cup qualifier against Scotland and the friendly against Spain four days later.

He remains the firm favourite

PINK CHERRIES FOOTBALL

sinks Cherries

Jack Wilshere shows his emotions as Cherries crash to a shock home defeat.

to land the job on a permanent basis, but both he and the association have been tight-lipped about the future, meaning positive displays in the next two matches could still be important.

Southgate was without Kane against Malta and Slovenia last month, with the Tottenham striker sidelined by an ankle injury, but he has come back to fitness just in time for the international break and only an adverse reaction to his planned involvement in the north London derby against Arsenal would prevent him returning.

Gunners forward Theo Walcott is also expected to start that match after a hamstring niggle and will be assessed similarly.

Wilshere's case is less straightforward, with the midfielder fit and available for England's last three matches but deemed surplus to requirements by Sam Allardyce and Southgate.

But a loan move from Arsenal to Bournemouth has been good for the 24-year-old, who is playing a fulsome and important role under Eddie Howe and has finally ended his two-year wait to complete a full 90 minutes in the Premier League.

Southgate was on hand to see the Cherries in person at his old club Middlesbrough last weekend and, although the home side were 2-0 winners, Wilshere had some eye-catching moments in midfield and looked fully match fit.

Everton playmaker Ross Barkley has also not been seen since being a non-playing squad member in the Euro 2016 debacle, but with Dele Alli, captain Wayne Rooney and possibly Wilshere all vying for the number 10 role, he may have to continue his wait.

Liverpool's former Saints pair Adam Lallana and Nathaniel Clyne can expect to be named, having recovered from injuries that ruled them out last time around.

Lallana scored the only goal of the Allardyce reign and increasingly seems a first-choice pick for the national side, while Clyne's absence as right-back cover led to a surprise recall for Glen Johnson who was himself forced out on fitness grounds.

Raheem Sterling did not feature in the Manchester City squad that took on Middlesbrough, but the winger is understood to have been rested and should be ready for duty.

Fit-again

Also fit again and due a call-up is Leicester midfielder Danny Drinkwater, whose Champions League experiences this season have only added to his credentials.

At left-back Danny Rose should keep his shirt, with Southgate having a decision to make between Luke Shaw, Ryan Bertrand - the Saints ace who was injured on England debut last month against Malta and who has only started one game since - and possibly Kieran Gibbs. All three have had fitness concerns of varying degrees this season and a call must be made on who is best placed to serve the squad as Rose's deputy.

At centre-half Chris Smalling is a doubt with a foot problem and England may have to be guided by Manchester United's use of the player in their game against Swansea on Sunday.

With John Stones and Gary Cahill the current pairing, Southgate will look at Burnley's Michael Keane, who was added to the squad for the Malta and Slovenia matches, and Middlesbrough's Ben Gibson as options.

With the Spain friendly likely to involve more players and both matches being at Wembley a slightly larger squad may be convened, though Andros Townsend and West Ham's ex-Saints loanee Michail Antonio could still drop out.

Eddie: Help 'is massive;

BOSS Eddie Howe revealed how the psychological help given to members of his Cherries squad had proved beneficial - and admitted he wished that support had been more readily available in his playing days.

Howe feels work done to improve players' mental make-up can hugely influence their performances on the pitch.

And the Cherries manager, a cultured defender during his playing career, was adamant any edge which could be gained from using the expertise of a psychologist was worth pursuing.

Howe said: "We do quite a lot of work with the players on that aspect and it's been beneficial.

"It's a massive part of the game and a very underrated and misunderstood part of football. When I was playing, there was always a weakness attached to anyone who wanted to talk to anybody or discuss problems and issues.

"That was to the detriment

Eddie Howe.

of the player, to be honest, because there is so much that goes into a player's performance before they play, not just how their body feels but their mind as well, because it is such a massive factor in everything you do.

"Some players don't need anything, they think they are fine and if that's the case then it is not forced upon them, but some players need help, guidance and advice.

"It can be personal issues as well because you have to remember players are human beings and they do have personal problems away from the club as we all do. To help them with that or to solve a problem before a game, just to relax their mind, I think is massive."

Asked whether he had experienced a different approach to psychology in his playing career, Howe added: "We had that option but it wasn't as freely available as now and it wasn't as understood as now."

Harry: No problems

HARRY Arter says neither he nor any of his Cherries team-mates would have any problem accepting an openly gay player into their changing room.

FA chairman Greg Clarke recently sparked controversy by claiming he would not advise a footballer to come out for fear they would receive "significant abuse" from the terraces.

Cherries midfielder Arter admitted he had been taken aback by Clarke's comment, although he believes it will be a "long while" before a Premier League footballer publicly says he is gay.

Arter said: "I'm surprised he (Clarke) said that with the way the world is now. I don't see why or how that would ever be a problem in our changing room. I wouldn't

Harry Arter.

see our squad, or any squad where I have friends playing, having any issue with it.

"It's not happened in the Premier League before so there would be a shock factor to it. I can't see it happening for a very long while and I personally believe a player would keep it to themselves.

"But I am surprised he said that and, if it happened here, then I'd have no worries. The players would be fine about it."

Clarke expressed his view last month when addressing a Department for Culture, Media and Sport select committee inquiry into the governance of football.

He admitted that he was "ashamed" no Premier League footballer had been confident enough to come out and said the problem of homophobia in football had not been corrected.

Here's a rare sight - Inter Milan at Winchester

Inter Milan trained at Winchester City's Denplan Stadium ground on Friday morning - a day after their Europea League loss at St Mary's. Picture by Tony Smith.

Baggie's pro aim

POOLE Town manager Tom Killick wants to give flying winger Abdulai Baggie a platform to force his way back into the professional ranks.

Baggie, who joined the Dolphins in March, made four appearances in their Southern League title-winning campaign and has featured 12 times in National South this season.

On the books of both Reading and Southampton as a youngster, he played more than 50 games in League One and League Two for Tranmere between 2012 and 2015.

Baggie started for Rovers in Eddie Howe's first game back at Dean Court in October 2012 before coming off the bench when Cherries clinched promotion at Prenton Park six months later.

Capped by England at under-16 and under-17 level when he played alongside the likes of Jonjo Shelvey, Baggie has also played in World Cup qualifiers for Sierra Leone, the country of his birth.

Injured during Poole's opening-day defeat at Ebbsfleet, Baggie was recalled for the win at Hungerford last month and also featured in the 1-1 draw with East Thurrock six days ago. And he netted his first goal for the club in their Dorset Senior Cup win over Shaftesbury on Tuesday.

The 24-year-old will be hoping to keep his place when Poole host National South high-fliers Chelmsford City at Tatnam tomorrow (3pm).

Boss Killick said: "He is a technically gifted player and you can see why he has played a lot of league football.

"I have been pleased with him but I still think he can get better. He probably knows his ability would possibly warrant him showing even more and we are hoping that will come in time.

Abdulai Baggie during his spell with Salisbury in 2012.

"There is a lot of blood and guts at this level. He comes in for a lot of physical punishment because of his size and technical ability and, physically, he would suit a higher level. It is such a mismatch when you see him up against giant defenders but he has an awful lot of ability.

"It has been a stop-start season for him due to the injury he picked up in August.

"He has played league football and he certainly didn't scrape around for games. He did well and, rightly so, he will probably be hoping he can get himself back into a better level than we are playing at."

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Two-goal Gosney is Stags' late hero

By Wendy Gee

AFC TOTTON 2 BRIDGWATER 1

TWO-goal Mike Gosney clinched AFC Totton a massively important victory in the Southern One South & West basement battle.

There was little to choose early on between two teams struggling for form and confidence near the foot of the table.

Totton survived a couple of messy moments at the back, reducing the visitors to a couple of shots straight at keeper Steve Mowthorpe.

For Totton, Dan Munday sent a couple of efforts wide and keeper Dan Jackson had to be quick off the mark to get across and thwart Nick Watts.

But there continued to be worrying lapses in the Stags' defence – not least when they were opened up by neat interplay between Jake Horsey and Harry Horton. The latter went down under Liam Hibberd's challenge but referee Lee Rutter waved away the penalty appeal.

Bridgwater, without an away league win all season, seemed encourage by their start and the lively Griggs wasn't too far off-target with a bold 30-yard strike.

Gosney embarked on a rampaging run from his own half only to fire straight at Jackson before, down at the other end, home skipper Hibberd cleared Horsey's header off the line.

The best move of the half by far arrived on 39 minutes when Allen and Gosney combined to set-up Nick Watts, but he ballooned the ball way over at full stretch.

The last chance of the half fell to Horsey of Bridgwater but, while getting plenty of power behind a free header from Horton's cross, he sent it straight at Mowthorpe.

AFC TOTTON 0
BRIDGWATER TOWN 0

Whatever Totton's caretaker boss Andy Darnton said at half-time appeared to do the trick as they seized the lead with just two second-half minutes gone.

Munday stroked the ball into the path of GOSNEY on the left of the area and he beat Jackson with a sweet strike into the bottom corner.

Gosney almost had another on 55-minutes when he caught Callum Laird dawdling on the ball on the edge of the six-yard box but shot over from an acute angle.

Three minutes later Bridgwater's Tyne Govier played the ball into Horsey's path and he too had a tight angle to work with, firing wide.

Top-notch saves followed at either end with Jackson turning away Munday's goal-bound effort for Totton and Mowthorpe raising an arm to push Ben Palmer's 18-yard blast over the bar.

Mowthorpe had to cut out Camper's shot after Bridgwater had too easily carved through the Totton defence.

It was then the visitors' turned to stand like statues as Gosney picked-out Allen totally unmarked, but he planted his free header wide.

All the time it remained 1-0, Totton's grip on the game was fragile and, with eight minutes of normal time left, their lead evaporated.

Horton unleashed a thunderbolt strike from the edge of the box which Mowthorpe spilled and LAIRD buried the loose ball.

Watts twice had opportunities to re-establish the Stags' lead but drilled one dream chance wide and narrowly failed to lob Jackson on the second occasion.

Hibberd then fired narrowly over from distance and, just when it looked as if a goal would never arrive, Gosney popped-up with a precious winner in the third minute of stoppage time.

Sub Ashley Jarvis picked out Watts again on the right of the area and this time the No 7 squared for the on-rushing GOSNEY to poke the ball over the line.

Gosney even managed to get in a vital block to deny Laird at the other end.

Dave Allen, top, Pat Wilson, above left, and Dan Munday in action for AFC Totton against Bridgwater.

Andy is No 1

Andy Murray has overtaken Novak Djokovic to be crowned world number one for the first time.

He has become the 26th man to be ranked world number one in tennis since the system began in 1973.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at his 2016 campaign in numbers.

7

Number of titles won

12

The BNP Paribas Masters in Paris marks Murray's 12th final of the year

3

Murray won his third grand slam title at Wimbledon

2

Success in Rio brought him a second Olympic gold medal

Andy Murray

73

Matches won, following a semi-final walkover against Milos Raonic in Paris

9

Matches lost

22

The longest unbeaten stretch of Murray's career came between the French Open in June and Cincinnati in August

5

Murray became the first player to win five titles at Queen's Club

10,116,811

Prize money in US dollars, prior to Paris

51

Aces

The FA Cup minnow

Ninth tier Westfields are the pick of the underdogs competing in this weekend's FA Cup first round.

Here, the Sports Pink seeks out some of the stories behind the minnows who will be looking to maintain their improbable runs at least one stage further:

WESTFIELDS

(h v Curzon Ashton)

The lowest-ranked team left in the competition, the Hereford-based Midlands League outfit were formed in 1966 by a group of local youths inspired by watching England win the World Cup. Their claret and blue kit is in honour of the West Ham backbone of the side - the famous trio of Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst Westfields won their first trophy two years later when they beat the impressively-named Danish Bacon 4-0 in the final of the Herefordshire Sunday League Division Two Cup.

CURZON ASHTON

(a v Westfields)

Ashton-under-Lyne boasts illustrious football pedigree,

Bobby Moore.

as the home town to World Cup winners Sir Geoff Hurst (yes, him again!) and Simone Perotti. Statues to both men - and another local legend, Jimmy Armfield - stand outside Curzon's new Tameside Stadium. Formed in 1963 following a merger of Curzon Ashton Methodists and Ashton Amateurs, Curzon's 11th-placed finish in last season's National League North was the highest in their history.

MERSTHAM

(h v Oxford Utd)

Hailing from a Surrey village with a population of just over 8,000, the Ryman Premier League side have clearly impressed at least one 'celebrity'.

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PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

We were lucky

By Simon **Carter**

SWINDON Town head coach Luke Williams conceded his side were fortunate to come away from the Silverlake Stadium to fight another day following their 1-1 FA Cup draw with Eastleigh.

Despite there being 35 places between the two sides in the football pyramid, both sides enjoyed chances to win the game after QPR loanee Michael Doughty's second-half penalty cancelled out Mikael Mandron's header.

Chilean goalkeeper Lawrence Vigouroux - a £400,000 summer signing from Liverpool - was far too busy for Williams' liking but the Town chief was pleased to see his side fight back to earn a replay on Tuesday, November 15.

"We were fortunate in some ways because we had to do a lot of defending and Lawrence was busy tonight – it was a very tough side we played against," Williams said.

"I'm disappointed with conceding a soft goal but I'm very pleased with the amount of work the players did and I'm pleased to see them be able to come from behind and show that character which has been in question recently.

"We know that, in the National League in particular, but in all levels of football, dead balls into the box are a problem if you are not switched on and prepared to compete.

"It was very pleasing (to equalise so quickly).

"We have been missing that and have been missing Michael Doughty in particular and he shows that character and drive to get us on terms.''

Referring to a later chance to win the game, he added: "It is a bit disappointing that Nathan Delfouneso takes a touch in the box after Doughty gets pass two or three and then plays an incredible pass that most strikers would be grateful for."

However, Williams also thought luck was not on Town's side when Luke Norris was denied his first Town goal by a fantastic save by Ryan Clarke, with replays suggesting the ball may have fractionally gone over the line in the first half.

"I don't know, but I have been told that it has been shown on TV that it is clearly over the line," he added.

"It is difficult because we have been fined £10,000 (for the penalty decision in the AFC Wimbledon game) this week for supposedly surrounding the ref, I think it's incredibly harsh.

Reda Johnson, main picture, rises for a cross against Swindon. Eastleigh fans (left and below left).

"Week after week we seem to have decisions go against us but we're not allowed to say anything and there are no repercussions and goals change games."

Williams took nothing away from the Spitfires, though and knows Town will need to be at their best to earn progression.

"Eastleigh are as good as a League One team and have got plenty of experience, I'm sure a lot more than we've got if you count up the appearances in the league." he added.

"They were what I expected, very tough, very well organised, very hard-working and I don't think there were any surprises."

Eastleigh manager Ronnie Moore is confident his side can still cause an FA Cup upset.

"I think Swindon have got away with it – this was a game for us to have won," he declared.

"There's no reason why we can't go to Swindon and win the replay. We've got two lads – Ryan Cresswell and Joe Partington – to come back.

"The lads should hold their heads high and look forward to having another crack. But they

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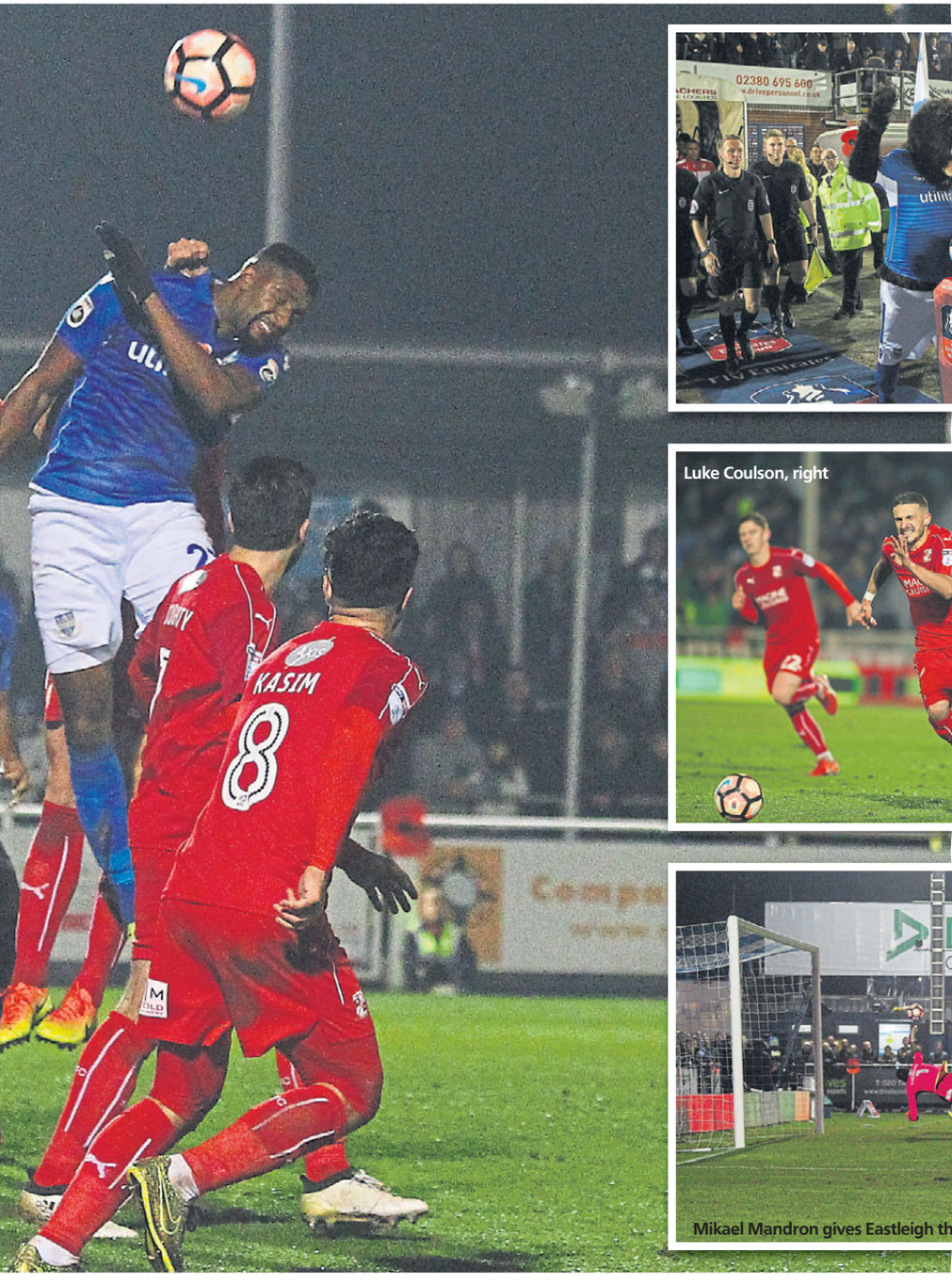
at Eastleigh



Eastleigh's mascot leads the teams out

Luke Coulson, right

Mikael Mandron gives Eastleigh the lead.

are sitting in the dressing room with glum faces feeling as though they've lost the game."

Mandron gave Eastleigh the lead from Jake Howells' free-kick.

"I thought the game was won when we scored," said Moore. "I couldn't see Swindon scoring.

"They had a lot of possession, which we knew they would. We said 'let them have it and we'll press when we need to'.

"As a team we pressed well and that's great for us because it shows how hurt they are."

Eastleigh nearly won it in injury time but sub Aya Obileye's volley was cleared off the line.

"They got lucky late on with that goal line clearance, that could have won it for us," continued Moore.

"We've played a League One team here – it's not the Dog and Duck. Okay, they're struggling a bit at the moment but they've got good players.

"This was a great opportunity for us. We are Eastleigh and this is what we are all about.

"We're a National League team and the lads can be proud about the way they went about it."

Eastleigh will certainly be buoyed by the Wiltshire club's home record.

They have lost five of their last six League 1 games at the County Ground - losing to Bury (2-1), Bristol Rovers (2-1), Northampton (1-3), Bolton (0-1) and Walsall (0-2). Their only points at home since early September came with a 3-0 victory over Rochdale.

The FA Cup minnows

from facing page

TV presenter and keen Oxford fan Timmy Mallett, who tweeted: "Delighted to see @OUFCOfficial in the best tie of the @EmiratesFACup first round away at @mersthamfc1 Congratulations!" Given Alfred Nobel carried out the world's first dynamite tests in Merstham in 1867, Mallett and co could be in line for an explosive afternoon.

MAIDSTONE UTD

(h v Rochdale)

The club in their current guise were formed after the bankruptcy of the former league side of the same name. Re-starting in the fourth division of the Kent County League in 1993, the Stones rose through the ranks, finally getting their own stadium in 2012 and reaching the National League this season. They received special dispensation from the Football Association to play on a 3G pitch at their

Timmy Mallett.

Gallagher Stadium home. In their former guise, Maidstone boasted strong knockout pedigree and reached the FA Cup third round in 1979, losing to Charlton in a replay.

STAMFORD

(a v Hartlepool)

The Northern Premier League Premier Division side are nicknamed the Daniels in honour of local man Daniel Lambert, reputedly England's heaviest man, who weighed 52 stones at the time of his death in 1809 and is buried close to the club's former home. That is easily the best FA Cup fact of this weekend, or any other weekend come to think of it. Winners of the FA Vase in 1980, Stamford reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time with a replay win over former FA Cup heroes Wrexham at the Recreation Ground.

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Watson delighted with Ron reunion

By Simon Walter

HAVING been Rotherham's captain under Ronnie Moore, Kevin Watson admits he had no hesitation in rejoining Eastleigh's manager at the Silverlake Stadium.

Watson, who helped the Millers to back-to-back promotions into the Championship in the early noughties, also set up the club's first goal in their shock FA Cup win against Gordon Strachan's Saints in 2002.

Now Eastleigh's assistant manager, he and Moore are targeting promotion into the Football League.

"I was fortunate to join Rotherham after three years at Swindon, the gaffer gave me the armband and two years later we were up in the Championship," recalls the former Spurs midfielder.

"I played for the gaffer three years there, it was a very successful time and I only missed two games in that time.

"I jumped at the chance to join him at Eastleigh. He's a good man, a good manager, a good man manager and he's always been very good at recruitment.

"At Rotherham he got Alan Lee from Burnley reserves [initially on loan before buying him for £150,000], then sold him for £800,000.

"Leo Fortune-West was knocking about in the lower leagues and he sold him for £300,000. Mark Robins came to us towards the end of his career and ended up as our top scorer. He's very good at getting players from reserve teams, as they were then, who are still hungry to play.

"After taking us up from League One everyone fancied us to get relegated but we did it again with what was pretty much the same team

"What you see with Ronnie is what you get. He pulls no punches, he tells everyone how it is and leaves nothing back."

Watson joined Tottenham as a schoolboy, where he made five appearances during the inaugural Premier League season, 1992-93, in his teens.

"I was very much part of the squad for much of that season," he recalls. "I also played against Lazio home and away as part of the deal that saw Gazza go there and against Real Madrid and Inter Milan in a tournament at White Hart Lane.

"I travelled with the squad every week and did well enough for Terry Venables to give me a four-year contract at the age of 18. But he got sacked at the end of the season and Ossie (Ardiles) didn't quite fancy me.

"If truth be told I found my level in the Championship. I lacked a yard of pace – or that's what my managers told me anyway."

Watson spent three years at Reading after a £150,000 move from Yorkshire, before playing 150 games in four seasons at Colchester, the last two of which were in the Championship.

After two injury-plagued seasons at Luton he returned to Colchester to begin his coaching career .

He then became former Spurs teammate Teddy Sheringham's No 2 at Stevenage in the summer of 2015.

Sheringham was sacked in February, midway through his first season, with Stevenage 19th in League Two. Watson went with him.

"We didn't leave the club in a worse position than when we joined," he said. "It was unfortunate for Teddy in his first managerial job but I learnt a lot in those eight months."

Eastleigh celebrate taking the lead against Swindon - but their joy didn't last long.

Eastleigh celebrate taking the lead against Swindon on Friday.

Town 'were better side'

ROMSEY Town FC boss Andy Samuels was left to rue the "small margins" between success and failure after his side lost 3-1 at Wessex League Division 1 leaders Hamble Club.

Jamie Mansell gave Hamble an early lead which Michael Byrne doubled.

Romsey were annoyed to see two penalty shouts turned down before Tom Donaldson reduced the arrears before half-time – ironically via the penalty spot.

Another disputed decision gave Hamble their third goal ten minutes from time.

Romsey thought they should have had a goal kick, but a corner was awarded and, from it, Byrne headed in his second goal.

Andy Samuels

Samuels explained: "Hamble are top because they've got experience and very good players, but we were the better side for much of the game.

"We were organised, we moved the ball around very well, created good chances and we caused them all sorts of problems.

"But we gifted them an early one which put us on the back foot and having to try recover quickly, whilst giving a quality side like Hamble the initiative, was very hard early on.

"We were very unlucky with some decisions.

"At 2-1 down we had the belief we could get something but I do feel that big decisions at crucial times went against us.

"We are so close to being a top side. Small margins and a bit of bad luck have cost us recently against the top teams but overall we're not far off being where we want to be."

No Boxing Day game for Eastleigh this year

EASTLEIGH are without a Boxing Day game this year.

The Spitfires' scheduled Xmas fixture against Boreham Wood has been put back a day to Tuesday, December 27 (7.45pm) at the Silverlake having been chosen for live coverage by BT Sport.

It is part of a six-match December/January package of live matches to be shown by BT, the television broadcast partner of The National League.

The festive football bonanza begins on Saturday, Decembers 17 with Macclesfield Town's meeting with Bromley (12.15pm).

BT's cameras then spend two days in Hampshire with the Eastleigh game preceded by the Aldershot versus Woking showdown on Boxing Day (12.15pm).

The New Year's Day spotlight will fall on Dover Athletic's visit to Maidstone United with a 6pm kick-off, followed on Monday, January 2 by Dagenham entertaining Braintree (7.45pm).

The sixth match is on Friday, January 20 (7.45pm) when Lincoln City welcome Dover to Sincil Bank.

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Ronnie set to ring some changes

By Simon **Walter**

EASTLEIGH manager Ronnie Moore believes he already has a squad good enough for League Two – but remains determined to improve it.

Moore has inherited a Spitfires squad that he rates highly, but he wants to add a striker, a central midfielder and a winger.

"We're always looking to improve," he said.

"We don't score enough goals yet we've got five strikers so I'll be looking for a striker.

"Once someone comes in someone will have to go because we can't have six. We're overloaded in certain areas - we've got five centre halves - so come January we'll try and shift.

"We also need another midfield player - box-to-box with energy - and a wide man with a bit of pace as we've got three wingers with no pressure on their positions.

"So there's three spots we're aiming to improve on and make the squad stronger."

Moore is loving life on the south coast but, in a recent interview with the Yorkshire Post, admitted he had to look on a map when he got the call from Eastleigh chairman Stewart Donald.

" I did not have a clue where it was," he said. "But it is a nice place and I have an apartment on the marina in Southampton.

"I travel home at the weekend and then come back here. It is not ideal with the family life, but it is work and you have got to get on with it and enjoy doing it and that is what I am doing.

"With two defeats in 14 games, you have got to be enjoying it, haven't you?

"You always take a chance when you drop out of the league, but it has been fantastic.

"The chairman wants to go places and wants to get the club up in two years.

"If we can do that, we will be up and running and he is so ambitious, it is unbelievable.

"All of a sudden, I am shopping at Marks & Sparks for players. I am more used to being at Aldi."

Reda Johnson in action for Eastleigh in Friday's FA Cup draw with Swindon.

Moore is determined to get Donald what he wants but admits it will not be easy to get Eastleigh promoted this season.

After last week's 4-0 defeat at Barrow, Eastleigh were four points off their fifth-placed opponents, who occupied the last of the play off positions going into today's games.

"A club our size should be top five but when you look at the number of ex-League teams it's hard," he said.

"Bristol Rovers were in and out in no time [in 2014-15], but the top teams this year have all got to down to us – and we'll improve the squad in January."

Lowe picks Pompey bid

EASTLEIGH target Jamal Lowe is heading to the south coast... to play for Portsmouth.

The 22-year-old Hampton & Richmond striker will move to Fratton Park in January after landing a pro deal with the League Two club.

The player has signed a pre-contract agreement with Pompey and the deal will go through when the transfer window opens in January.

Released by Barnet two seasons ago, Lowe transformed himself into one of non-League's hottest properties.

Having helped fire Hampton & Richmond to the Ryman Premier title last season, he has banged in another hatful of goals in the National League South.

His scoring exploits

Jamal Lowe

caught Eastleigh's attention but, having had a bid accepted by the Beavers last month, negotiations between the Spitfires and the player broke down with Lowe holding out for a move back to the Football League ranks.

Lowe said: "I'm buzzing.

"Since I was a kid, I have always wanted to be a professional footballer.

"It goes without saying what a huge club Portsmouth are and I am grateful for the opportunity.

"They get over 16,000 every week and are looking for promotion.

"I'm not eligible to play for Pompey until the New Year, so I'll be working as hard as I can for Hampton and scoring as often as possible to get ready for the step up."

He added: "I will always be grateful to Hampton for giving me the opportunity to show what I can do."

Tommy's determined

Tommy Wright is determined to shoot Salisbury towards the Evo-Stik Southern League South & West play-off positions, having tied-up a season-long loan from Sutton United.

The 19-year old has already scored 15 times for Salisbury this season – 12 of them in the league - with last Saturday's equaliser in the 3-2 FA Trophy defeat by Chippenham arguably the pick of the bunch, writes ***Mike Vimpany.***

"I was pleased with that one – a sweet strike up into the top corner, but a shame it didn't have a positive outcome insofar as the result was concerned," he mused.

"We've given far too many goals away this season and it's something we need to eradicate if we are to push on.

"We've beaten Hereford this season and proved against Premier Division side Chippenham we are more than capable of playing at the next level up.

Tommy Wright

"Out of the FA Cup and now the Trophy, we've effectively only the league left so need to start putting some serious points on the board."

Prior to today's visit to Larkhall Athletic, Salisbury had a seven-point gap to make up to climb into the play-off places – more potential win points having slipped through their fingers when they surrendered a 2-0 lead and were held 2-2 by Swindon Supermarine in midweek.

"It's happening time and time again," moaned manager Steve Claridge.

"We're not defending well enough and in many cases its basic errors that are letting us down."

Salisbury don't have a problem scoring goals – they have 32 in 13 games – but the 25 leaked at the other end is comfortably the worst in the top half of the South & West table.

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PINK INK SAINTS

Super Ted ... in

By Simon **Carter**

TED MacDougall is a south coast legend - of that there is no doubt.

He spent two seasons at The Dell in the 1970s, helping to fire Saints back into the First Division big time alongside great friend Phil Boyer.

But he is far more fondly remembered down the A31 at AFC Bournemouth, where a stand at Dean Court is named after the man who once scored nine goals in a single FA Cup tie for the Cherries.

That was against Margate in 1971, before MacDougall signed for Manchester United for £200,000.

MacDougall has recently had a book published chronicling his life in football - titled 'MacdouGOAL' and co-written with current Cherries secretary Neil Vacher.

Here, the Sports Pink brings you some exclusive extracts from a book which is sure to appeal to all Saints fans who remember the 1970s - and will definitely appeal to all Cherries supporters of any age.

TED ON … JOINING SAINTS

"When I arrived at Southampton (in the summer of 1976) they were still trailing the FA Cup around the town while we were bottom of the league and eventually I got fed up and I said, "When are you going to put this cup away so we can do something in the league?" There were a lot of strong characters in the dressing room and we had a few words about things, as you can imagine with my personality!

"Eventually, we finished ninth, which was disappointing because we should have done better really. We were among the best teams in the country at going forward and scoring goals but our problem was defending. You could sense the supporters' frustration with us but the team was great fun to play in."

TED ON … LAWRIE McMENEMY

"I think Lawrie was at a loss to know quite what to do about our performances for a while. First there were injuries, then even when players came back things still didn't click into place, but Lawrie could handle us. He'd let us think we were getting away with things but handled it in such a way that we actually got away with nothing - we just thought we did!

"He used to boss the young lads, but with the likes of me, Ossie (Peter Osgood) and Bally (Alan Ball) he was great. He treated us like responsible adults, used to give us plenty of days off and if we didn't fancy doing what he had planned for training, he'd ask us what we wanted to do instead.

"I would tell him, "I want to do some crosses and finishing," which was what I always wanted to do. "All right Bonnie Lad, we'll do that then!"'

TED ON … OSSIE AND BALLY

"Playing alongside Osgood – it was so easy. Ossie was such an enigmatic character - mind you, he could be scary at times. He was 6ft 3in, must have weighed around 13st and looked even bigger than that!

"He was great on the ball and called me "The Magnet" because I always stuck so close to him. That way I knew I would get goals!

PINK INK SAINTS

his own words

Main picture - Ted MacDougall celebrates a goal for Saints in 1976/77.

Far left - Ted MacDougall taking on Bobby Moore during Saints' win against Fulham in September 1976.

Below left - Ted MacDougall takes on Jimmy Nicholl in Saints' FA Cup tie with Manchester United in 1977.

Below - Ted MacDougall at Highbury in September 1978. After the game, he knew he was no longer cut out for top flight football.

Lawrie got Bally for £60,000 and what a bargain that was. It was like a breath of fresh air when he arrived. He was a leader certainly but a grafter too who wouldn't stand any nonsense, which was exactly what we needed."

TED ON… SCORING GOALS

"I could be a difficult guy to play with because I only had one thing in my mind – to score goals.

"I didn't care how I scored because each goal counted the same. I always said to managers, "Look I'll miss chances because I'm there to miss them. If I am missing chances they are being created and eventually I'll get one.

"I played in a League Cup tie for Saints against Derby where I should have had a hat-trick but the goalkeeper stopped everything. I was in a foul mood after the game, hurling my boots around and cursing because I'd come off empty-handed.

"That was it with me, we had won the game but because I hadn't scored that was the big issue. Even at this stage of my career it was all about me scoring goals."

TED ON … PHIL BOYER

'As soon as Mick Channon went, I kept on to Lawrie about 'Charlie', just like I did to John Bond when we were at Bournemouth. I knew he was set to leave Norwich and in fact he was about to join QPR. when I phoned and told him, "No, you can't go there, you have to come here with me." Thank God he came!

"He was a marvellous player who created so many chances in the box and also had the ability to hold the ball up. I needed him more than he needed me.

"I was brave in the box, but not outside it, whereas 'Charlie' was brave everywhere.'

TED ON … 1977/78

"It was great to get promotion for Lawrie, the supporters and everyone at the club. Bally was an inspirational captain who at times played as if he would get us promoted single-handedly if he had to. Steve Williams learnt a lot from just being alongside him. 'Charlie' got plenty of goals and young Tony Funnell chipped in brilliantly at the end, which was great.

"Chris Nicholl and Mike Pickering became a strong partnership at the back and Peachy and Nick Holmes made a lot of goals for us with their crossing. Importantly, though, we enjoyed each other's company and we became a strong unit. They were great times."

TED ON … LEAVING SAINTS

'We lost a game at Arsenal (early in the 1978/79 season) and the following Monday I asked to see Lawrie and told him I had felt lethargic during the game, and would have buried the chances I had a few years ago. Arsenal were a young side who were quick in defence and I wondered, "Is this the writing on the wall?" I felt that I could be costing the team points and that perhaps I should move on. Lawrie appreciated my honesty and told me to think carefully about what I was doing, but I think we both knew that one day I would end up back at Bournemouth anyway.

"I had the best time of my professional career in the two years I spent at Southampton because it was so much fun."

● 'MacDou-GOAL' is published by Pitch Publishing and retails at £18.99.

Wright: We need to push on now

from facing page

"We've got the get the balance right between attack and defence," Wright continued.

"We've got a top bunch of players here and I'm convinced we're good enough to be pushing towards the top of the table."

But results have continued to be inconsistent – Salisbury losing to North Leigh (3-2) and Slimbridge (2-1) on the road before thrashing Barnstable 5-0 in front of their own supporters.

Wright, meanwhile, is anxious to make the most of his opportunities at the RayMac Stadium.

He made 13 appearances for Sutton United last season, mainly coming off the bench, but scored in a league match against St Albans City and twice in Surrey Senior Cup ties.

"It was difficult getting in at Sutton, who are a good side and going nicely in the National League, but I'm determined to do well now I'm cemented here at Salisbury.

Tommy Wright in action for Southampton Boys back in 2011.

"I got an early season hat-trick at Totton and have found the net consistently since then, so now need to push on," he added.

Wright spent the past two academic years at the Sparsholt Academy, doing a BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport, having played for a half-decent Southampton's Under-15 Boys team during his time at Upper Shirley High.

He also played for Andover Town and Hampshire League champions Otterborne last season.

Wright is putting his BTEC diploma to good use by coaching at Sparsholt, in local schools and working in a community project in the Andover area.

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An incident in an Eastleigh vs Dagenham match

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Hampshire Colleges. Back (from left) Ryan Hall, Efi Kazadi, Noel Gardiner, Cam Russell, Christian Jukes, Harry Bayles, Tyler Burns, Freddie Molyneux, Kieran McHardy. Front: Jack Wilson, Jean Luc Ramdin, Jack Barnes, Jake Willis, Lewis Wild, Drew Smith, Max Paddon, Jordan N'Galo.

Hampshire Colleges got in some important game time preparation for their upcoming English Schools FA Trophy tie against Somerset under the Wincanton Town floodlights with a friendly against Gosport Borough's Academy side.

The county youngsters were eventually beaten 2-1, but bossed the game for large chunks of the first half, leading by a Lewis Wild goal, set up by a fine left-wing raid by Barton Peveril team-mate Drew Smith.

Hampshire might well have scored several more goals before manager Luke Hampton rang the changes at half-time, giving all 17 squad members of the chance to play.

"It changed the shape in a bid to rest a few players and try something new.

"We still created chances, but as the game wore on Gosport got stronger and scored two fine goals from outside the box in the last 20 minutes to win the game, " Hampton said..

There were strong Hampshire performances from captain Jack Wilson (Itchen), Jordan N'Galo (Portsmouth) and BP's Drew Smith, but the key player was Harry Bayles of Peter Symonds for his energy, work rate, forward running and overall dominance in midfield.

"Overall, it was a really useful exercise and lots of positives," he added.

Jose's outbursts

JOSE Mourinho was this week hit with a one-match touchline ban and fines totalling £58,000 over two FA misconduct charges.

The Manchester United boss will sit in the directors' box when his side play at Swansea City on Sunday after admitting using abusive language towards referee Mark Clattenburg in the tunnel during the half-time interval of United's goalless draw with Burnley last weekend. The offence carried an £8,000 fine.

He was also fined £50,000 for saying it would be difficult for referee Anthony Taylor 'to have a very good performance' before United played at Liverpool last month.

Here are some more recent Mourinho fines.

CARDIFF DISMISSAL

October 19, 2013)

Sent to the stands during a 4-1 win over Cardiff by referee Anthony Taylor.

Disciplined: Charge of improper conduct accepted. Fine of £8,000.

TOUCHLINE TICKING-OFF

March 15, 2014)

Dismissed by referee Chris Foy during an ill-tempered Chelsea loss at Aston Villa.

Disciplined: Contested a charge of improper conduct, unsuccessfully. Fined £8,000 and warned over future conduct.

SARCASTIC

(April 19, 2014)

Following his first home Premier League loss as Chelsea boss, Sunderland ending Mourinho's 77-game unbeaten Stamford Bridge run, he made a sarcastic appraisal of referee Mike Dean and referees' chief Mike Riley.

Disciplined: Failed in a challenge over charges and was fined £10,000.

SAINTS AND A SINNER

December 28, 2014)

Complained of a "clear campaign" against Chelsea after Cesc Fabregas was denied a penalty and instead booked in a 1-1 draw at St Mary's.

Disciplined: Fined £25,000 after unsuccessfully contesting improper conduct charge.

SAINTS AGAIN

October 3, 2015)

Criticised referee Robert Madley following a shock 3-1 loss to Saints at Stamford Bridge, saying referees were "afraid" to give Chelsea penalties and told officials to "be honest with us".

Disciplined: Judged to have implied bias, fined £50,000 and given a suspended one-match stadium ban. Had an appeal rejected.

Jose Mourinho with United mascot Fred The Red.

Hazard on right path

Chelsea head coach Antonio Conte believes Eden Hazard is back on the right path to becoming one of the world's best players.

Hazard has inspired his side's recent run of four successive league victories.

Indeed Hazard scored in three straight games for the first time in his career with goals against champions Leicester, Manchester United and Saints, taking his side to within one point of leaders Manchester City.

The Belgium international's form is a far cry from last season. After being crowned the best player in the Premier League in 2015, Hazard appeared to lose his way under former boss Jose Mourinho and had to wait until April 23 to register his first league strike.

"I know the great talent of Eden and he must continue to work and to improve all the time," said Conte.

Eden Hazard.

"In this moment he is putting his talent and himself in the team. This is fantastic and the right way to become one of the best in the world.

"If you ask me the difference between [Lionel] Messi and [Cristiano] Ronaldo, I don't want to reply. The only thing that I want to do is work with him, and my players, to try and improve and support them."

Last season, Hazard, who was linked with a move to Real Madrid, faced accusations of being unfit, with Guus Hiddink, who replaced Mourinho in December, issuing the Belgian a wake-up call.

Hazard has sparkled under Conte, and the Italian hinted that the forward has worked on his physical attributes.

Book review
Saturday 3pm

50 Eternal Delights of Modern Football
By Daniel Gray

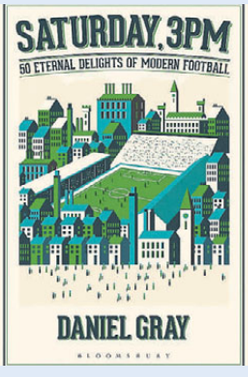
Sportsbookofthemonth.com price: £9.99

Watching a typically drab, Monday night match meander to its one-sided conclusion on television recently, I saw the home team's centre forward acknowledge that, as he had just lost the ball, he should make every effort to win it back.

Visibly cranking his frame into first, then second gear, he raced across the wet turf and executed the perfect sliding tackle, winning the ball cleanly.

However, as he was on his backside, his ground-level momentum meant he then followed through on his opponent, not maliciously, and both men ended up on the floor in a tangle of legs, heavily-sponsored shirts and ridiculous hair cuts. The referee gave him a yellow card. It was an outrageous decision, though perhaps one which indicates where football is headed – to becoming a super fast, non-contact sport, packaged into four quarters to better accommodate the commercial breaks.

If this summary of a single incident and the conclusions



drawn from it (not too far-fetched by the way) strike a chord, then I can heartily recommend you read Saturday 3pm by Daniel Gray.

Disgusted that the FA Cup third round, "football's Christmas" according to the author, can be spread over five days, as it was last season, he journeys home to Scotland listing the beautiful game's characteristics and foibles, too many of which have fallen by the wayside. He avoids nostalgia, nor does he lament the lost terraces, focusing instead on what might be called a mountain of peripheral features which enhance football's attractiveness.

A well-executed sliding tackle is amongst those characteristics which, for some unknown reason, are on their way to being lost, at least from televised football, to be found only on bobbly, mud-strewn Sunday morning pitches.

Even before tackling this short book, a smile will appear as readers browse chapter headings such as 'Seeing a ground from the train'; 'Listening to results in a car'; 'Jeering passes that go out of play' and 'Going with Dad'. It's impossible for football fans not to associate with so much of what Gray describes and yes, lovingly remembers, though not everything is lost – far from it.

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Thomson aiming f

By Simon **Carter**

HAMPSHIRE sailor Alex Thomson is a man with a mission.

A mission to create history.

No Brit has ever won the Vendee Globe, the most dangerous and most famous sailing race in the world.

Yet Thomson, from Gosport, is desperate to do just that - with the 2016/17 race starting in France this Sunday (November 6).

Nicknamed the Everest of the Seas, the Vendee Globe involves sailing around the world alone, without stopping and without assistance.

The race starts and finishes in Les Sables d'Olonne, after rounding the three legendary capes - The Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, Cape Leeuwin in Southern Australia and the infamous Cape Horn at the tip of South America.

Thomson - the only Brit among the 29 entrants - must sail twice in the North and South Atlantic – on the way down and on the way back – and sail around Antarctica by crossing the Indian Ocean and the huge Pacific.

A merciless event, combing human endeavour and technological aspects, is raced on 60-foot monohulls (18.28m).

This is Thomson's fourth attempt at the Vendee.

He failed to finish the first two but was third in the last race, in 2012/13.

Last November he had a big scare when his brand new Hugo Boss yacht had to be abandoned at sea following damage in the Transat Jacques Vabre double-handed transatlantic race.

Fortunately, his team managed to recover the 60-foot boat and repair her in time for the Vendee.

Thomson hasn't always been so fortunate.

Back in November 2006 he had to abandon his boat - also named Hugo Boss - after damage to the hull while competing in the solo Velux 5 Oceans race. Around a thousand miles off Cape Town at the time, Thomson was rescued by fellow Hampshire sailor Mike Golding.

Remarkably, the shipwrecked hull of Hugo Boss was found in Patagonia this year during a kayak expedition by Chilean adventurer Cristian Donoso.

The boat was over 10,000 nautical miles from where it had last been seen.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at all the previous Vendee races - some of which have been hit by tragedy and the loss of life.

Flashback to 2008/09 and Hampshire trio Mike Golding, Samantha Davies and Alex Thomson all competed in the Vendee Globe.

British sailor, Alex Thomson, completing a death-defying mastwalk stunt.

1989/90

Titouan Lamazou was the first winner of the Vendee, finishing in 109 days, eight hours, 48 minutes and 50 seconds.

Of the 13 sailors who took part, only seven finished.

1992/93

Tragedy hit the second staging of the Vendee.

Nigel Burgess - one of two British sailors among the 15 who started - was lost at sea three days into the race.

Alan Wynne-Thomas, the second Brit, was one of the eight who failed to finish.

The race was won by Alain Gautier in 110 days, two hours, 22 minutes and 35 seconds.

1995/96

More tragedy hit the race with the loss of Canadian sailor Gerry Roufs.

While his body was never found, his boat was discovered five months later off the Chilean coast.

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for Vendee history

Flashback to when Hampshire sailor Alex Thomson completed a death-defying mastwalk stunt onboard his yacht HUGO BOSS.

Ellen MacArthur with Duran Duran singer Simon Le Bon.

The race is best remembered for British sailor Pete Goss showing fantastic heroism to rescue fellow sailor Raphaël Dinelli after the latter's boat had capsized in the Southern Ocean.

Goss turned his boat around and spent two days sailing into hurricane force winds, before finding Dinelli in a life raft that had been dropped by an Australian Air Force plane.

Despite all that, Goss still finished fifth - the first Brit to ever finish the Vendee.

The race was won by Christophe Auguin

2000/01

British sailor Ellen MacArthur created history by becoming the youngest person - at 24 years ago - to compete in the Vendee.

It was a memorable experience onboard Kingfisher, as MacArthur finished runner-up.

Michel Desjoyeaux won in a record 93 days, three hours and 57 minutes.

MacArthur was not that far behind in 94 days, four hours and 25 minutes.

Hampshire's Mike Golding, sailing Team Group 4, was seventh out of the 15 finishers - coming in at 110 days, 16 hours and 22 minutes.

That was despite Golding losing seven days of racing after his Open 60 yacht dismasted.

2004/05

Vincent Riou established a new Vendee record when he won in 87 days, 10 hours, 47 minutes and 55 seconds.

Fellow Frenchman Jean Le Cam was runner-up, coming in just seven hours later.

Golding, sailing his second Vendee, was third in 88 days 15 hours 15 minutes and 13 seconds. That was a stunning achievement, as he had lost his keel on the final day of the race.

Other boats had lost their keel in previous Vendee races and capsized.

Alex Thomson competed in his first Vendee but was forced to retire due a hole in his deck.

2008/09

Three Hampshire sailors finished in the top six.

Frenchman Michel Desjoyeaux was the overall winner in a new Vendee record time of 84 days 3 hours 9 minutes and 8 seconds.

Two other Frenchmen - Armel Le Cléac'h and Marc Guillemot - occupied the next two positions.

But Hamble's Samantha Davies, onboard Roxy, was fourth in 95 days four hours 39 minutes and 1 second.

Cowes' Brian Thompson, onboard Bahrain Team Pindar, was fifth - finishing three days later - while Gosport's Dee Caffari Aviva was sixth in 99 days 1 hour 10 minutes and 57 seconds.

Alex Thomson's second Vendee campaign lasted just six days before he was forced to retire with a cracked hull, while Mike Golding dismasted on day 38.

2012/13

François Gabart set a new Vendée Globe record with just over 78 days to complete the circumnavigation.

Armel Le Cléac'h was runner-up, just 3 hours and17 minutes behind - the shortest timespan between the first two finishers in the race's history.

Alex Thomson competed in his third Vendee and finished for the first time - coming third in 80 days 19 hours 23 minutes and 43 seconds.

That made him the fastest Brit to ever complete the race.

Mike Golding was sixth in 88 days 6 hours 36 minutes and 26 seconds.

Samantha Davies lasted just five days before dismasting.

Scott: 'It's a real gutter'

WIMBORNE skipper Scott Arnold admitted he had been left with no alternative but to bring his season to a premature end.

Arnold, who has been playing through the pain barrier, will go under the knife later this month to cure a persistent hip injury.

A carpenter by trade, he said the problem had been affecting both his work and his football, leaving surgery as the only option.

The 31-year-old, who recently made his 500th appearance for Wimborne, is expected to continue playing until having his operation on November 24.

Arnold has played a key role in Magpies' encouraging start to the season in the Southern League and FA Trophy.

He said coming out of the firing line would be a huge disappointment, especially as he has such high regard for boss Matty Holmes. Arnold has been rewarded for his services with a testimonial and will be the guest of honour at a sportsman's

Scott Arnold, left.

dinner at Cuthbury in December.

He said: "I can't keep struggling to be ready for the next game and letting it affect my job.

"It is a real gutter as I have really bought in to what the management has done at the club.

"I believe this group of players can really push us on, keep us at the right end of the table and hopefully pushing for the play-offs.

"I will be there to support them every step of the way. I have spoken to the gaffer about next season and my goal will be to get back fit for my testimonial."

Wimborne host North Leigh tomorrow (3pm).

Boss Holmes said: "Scott has had it for quite a long time but when you play Tuesday-Saturday, it takes an awful lot out of him so there is an affect.

"Once he has had the operation, he will be a huge loss for us."

Poppy-gate Q and A

The decision by the English and Scottish Football Associations to defy FIFA over its refusal to sanction the wearing of poppies by players in next week's World Cup qualifier looks to have closed a chapter in a story that has dominated the headlines for three days.

This act of defiance against football's governing body is one the British authorities - and they may soon be joined by the Football Association of Wales - would have preferred to avoid. But with the home nations determined to go ahead with their Armistice Day tribute and FIFA insisting on the letter of the law, a compromise has proved to be elusive.

Here, the Sports Pink explains how we have got to this point, what the main issues are and what might happen next.

Why is FIFA banning our players from wearing poppies?

The game's laws - in this case, law 4, paragraph 4 - state that players' equipment should not carry any commercial, personal, political or religious messages. This is intended to avoid

upsetting people or inflaming tensions around sensitive fixtures. FIFA's secretary general Fatma Samoura has explained that laws have to be applied "uniformly", with no exceptions, or they lack authority.

What are the British FAs proposing?

The FA got the ball rolling by writing to Samoura and her boss FIFA president Gianni Infantino to inform them of plans for the much-anticipated game against Scotland on November 11, Armistice Day, at Wembley. Among these are black armbands with poppies embroidered on them for the players to wear. The SFA made a similar request, as did the FAW for Wales' game against Serbia in Cardiff the following evening.

Why armbands?

The home nations believed this would be an acceptable compromise to law 4, as the poppies would not be on the shirts, as they have been in recent seasons at club level, and this is exactly what FIFA sanctioned in 2011. That was the last occasion the British teams

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Strachan's day of

By Simon **Carter**

MIXED EMOTIONS: Gordon Strachan celebrates reaching the 2003 FA Cup final and, below, frustration as Scotland concede in Slovakia last month

HE REMAINS one of the best-loved Saints managers of modern times.

And for good reason. Gordon Strachan only enjoyed one full season as boss but, in that time, guided the club to a then Premier League best finish and their first FA Cup final for 27 years.

Strachan also instilled a phenomenal work ethic into his Saints squad, while his one-liners regularly brightened up press conferences.

He was Saints boss between October 2001 and February 2004, when he was forced to leave earlier than he had initially wanted.

After telling chairman Rupert Lowe that he would be leaving in the summer of 2004 after his contract ended, once the story appeared in the press it was obvious that Strachan's position had become untenable.

Strachan took a year out of football – as he insisted he would – prior to returning to management at Celtic in the summer of 2005.

A subsequent spell back in England – at Championship club Middlesbrough – ended in disappointment before he was appointed Scotland manager in early 2013.

There are some football pundits who used to say the Saints job was a bit of a poisoned challice. Ditto the Middlesborough job. But they have nothing on the Scotland one, where a succession of names have failed to take the country to the finals of a major international tournament.

And if Scotland lose their World Cup qualifier at Wembley next Friday, it's looking a fair bet that the wait will be extended.

Strachan has admitted he went through a period of soul-searching after his side suffered a damaging defeat to Slovakia last month.

The result means the Scots' hopes of reaching the 2018 World Cup are already hanging by a thread just three games into the campaign after picking up four points from the nine available.

But after holding talks with Hampden chiefs, he decided to stay.

Strachan, however, stressed his only concern when deciding to remain in his post was whether or not he felt he could end Scotland's 18-year wait to appear at a major tournament.

The manager, who appeared somewhat prickly this week when asked about how he had come to the decision to stay on, said: "It's not really about me. If you honestly think that from that moment after the defeat against Slovakia I was thinking about myself then you really don't know me.

"All I was thinking was how do I get this group of people, the fans, the players, the backroom staff, into a major tournament?

"I'm 59 years old. Do you really think I was thinking about myself at that point?

"I want to give these people, the supporters especially, the chance to get to a top, top tournament.

"The disappointment was huge after that defeat. But from then the thought was this is a chance to experience something great."

Strachan was in better mood as he laughed off the reporting of his recent comments about Leigh Griffiths.

The manager was quoted by several Sunday newspapers last month explaining that his need to balance physicality with skill in the international arena was one of the reasons why the Celtic striker had struggled to break into the Scotland line-up.

Those comments were later picked up by other outlets and reported as though Strachan had

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f destiny coming

Flashback: Gordon Strachan welcomed to St Mary's by Rupert Lowe in October 2001.

Flashback: Rickie Lambert heads the winner against Gordon Strachan's Scotland on his England debut in August 2013.

suggested Griffiths - who stands 5ft 8ins tall - was too short to play for his country.

But Strachan - who at just 5ft 6ins was capped 50 times as a player - is confident Griffiths understands the point he was trying to make.

"It was funny when Griff called himself Shorty (on Twitter)," said the manager. "I think that's brilliant. Anything that makes people laugh I think is tremendous.

"But can I really be involved in heightism? Let's be fair.

"I think I've actually left out a couple of strikers who are actually taller than Griff. So they will be disappointed and probably measuring themselves.

"But I'd like to thank the Sunday newspapers for explaining it perfectly. Everybody who has a football mind and is fair and unbiased understood what I was saying."

Strachan's position has come under huge scrutiny north of the border since the defeat in Slovakia.

He has received backing, though, from Rangers boss Mark Warburton, who said sacking Strachan would do nothing to solve the nation's footballing woes.

"We need to look at far deeper issues," he said.

"You need to offer a quality of challenge to a young player that they are not currently being faced with.

"I look at the national team and read the papers. I see a very experienced manager, a very experienced coach.

"His credentials are there for all to see, so it's not about changing managers - it's about looking at the bigger picture."

Scotland will be making their first visit to Wembley since August 2013, when Strachan's side lost 3-2.

That was the night Saints striker Rickie Lambert celebrated his senior England debut by climbing off the bench and heading the winner with virtually his first touch.

Strachan had been appointed Scotland boss the previous January.

Since then, he has won 15 of his 32 games in charge - but failed to qualify for either the 2014 World Cup or the 2016 European Championships.

In fairness to Strachan, he took over the national team after they had only picked up two points from their first four qualifying games for the 2014 World Cup.

He duly lost his first two qualifiers, virtually ending any hopes of reaching Brazil, but did oversee two wins against Croatia and one against Macedonia.

Scotland were then drawn in a tough Euro 2016 qualifying group along with Germany, Poland and the Republic of Ireland.

Winning only four of their 10 games - and two of them were against Gibraltar - Strachan's men finished three points adrift of the Republic who qualified for the play offs.

Under Strachan, Scotland have only managed four points from three World Cup qualifiers in recent months.

After winning 5-1 in Malta, they needed a late leveller to avoid defeat against Lithuania last weekend before being thrashed 3-0 in Slovakia.

Strachan has recalled Celtic's Scott Brown, and his experience will be all the more vital if Robert Snodgrass fails to shake off the ankle injury threatening his place.

The Hull forward - who bagged a hat-trick in Malta - has been included in the squad but Strachan admits he is not sure if the 29-year-old will recover in time.

Snodgrass is certainly not expected to face Saints in this Sunday's Premier League game.

Poppygate Q and A

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played so closely to Armistice, or Remembrance Day, and England, Scotland and Wales wore armbands in friendlies without any objection.

Why has FIFA changed its mind?

The short answer is nobody is quite sure. The slightly longer answer is that lots has changed at FIFA since 2011, including an almost complete overhaul in personnel. It is understood that Infantino, then at UEFA, thought the 2011 solution was a bad idea and it is clear FIFA has grown more sensitive to what it perceives to be the politicisation of football. The idea of exceptions granted to British member associations, but not others, has also become less popular.

So is FIFA right?

That depends on whether you think the poppy is political or not, as that appears to be the objection. It is widely used in Commonwealth countries as a symbol of remembrance for those who died in the two major conflicts of the 20th century, particularly World War One,

and to many Britons that is all it is, although the Royal British Legion that runs the Poppy Appeal is keen to broaden its message so that all conflicts are remembered. FIFA's interpretation has provoked fury from British newspapers and politicians, including Prime Minister Theresa May who labelled it "outrageous". It is not entirely without controversy, though, as it is considered a symbol of British oppression by Irish nationalists and even some veterans have objected to how it has been used to seemingly justify more recent conflicts with less certain objectives.

Will FIFA punish the home nations for flouting the ban?

This is the big question now and Samoura has been vague on the subject. She said it would be up to the match commissioner - FIFA's representative at international games - to mention it in his or her report and then for a disciplinary panel to decide on a sanction. A points deduction is a possibility, but unlikely.

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September															
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Sun 30 Chelsea (h)	L 0-2	Forster	Martina	Bertrand+	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic=	Austin	Redmond	+McQueen	=Hojbjerg	*Boufal
November															
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CHERRIES FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST
13 Man United (H) L 1-3
20 West Ham United (A) L 0-1
27 Crystal Palace (A) D1-1

SEPTEMBER
10 West Bromwich (H) W 1-0
17 Manchester City (A) L 0-4
20 Preston (H, League Cup) L 2-3
24 Everton (H) W 1-0

OCTOBER
1 Watford (A) D 2-2
15 Hull City (H) W 6-1
22 Tottenham (H) D 0-0
29 Middlesbrough (A) L 0-2

NOVEMBER
5 Sunderland (H)
19 Stoke City (A)
26 Arsenal (A)

DECEMBER
3 Liverpool (H)
10 Burnley (A)
13 Leicester City (H)
17 Southampton (H)
26 Chelsea (A)
31 Swansea City (A)

JANUARY
2 Arsenal (H)
14 Hull City (A)
21 Watford (H)
31 Crystal Palace (H)

FEBRUARY
4 Everton (A)
11 Manchester City (H)
25 West Bromwich (A)

MARCH
4 Manchester United (A)
11 West Ham United (H)
18 Swansea City (H)

APRIL
1 Southampton (A)
5 Liverpool (A)
8 Chelsea (H)
15 Tottenham (A)
22 Middlesbrough (H)
29 Sunderland (A)

MAY
6 Stoke City (H)
13 Burnley (H)

PORTSMOUTH FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST
6 Carlisle (H) D 1-1
9 Coventry (League Cup, A) L 2-3
13 Crewe (A) D 0-0
16 Morecambe (A) L 0-2
20 Colchester (H) W 2-0
27 Exeter (A) W 1-0
30 Yeovil (EFL Tr) L 3-4

SEPTEMBER
3 Crawley Town (H) W 3-0
10 Wycombe (H) W 4-2
17 Accrington (A) L 0-1
24 Barnet (H) W 5-1
27 Blackpool (A) L 1-3

OCTOBER
1 Doncaster (H) L 1-2
4 Reading U23 (H, EFL Trophy) D 2-2
8 Leyton Orient (A) W1-0
15 Plymouth (A) D 2-2
22 Notts County (H) L 1-2
29 Cambridge Utd (A)

NOVEMBER
5 Wycombe (FAC 1) (H)
12 Mansfield (H)
19 Cheltenham (A)
22 Luton (A)
26 Stevenage (A)

DECEMBER
10 Grimsby (A)
17 Hartlepool (H)
26 Newport County (A)
31 Yeovil (A)

JANUARY
2 Luton (H)
7 Doncaster (A)
14 Leyton Orient (H)
21 Crawley Town (A)
28 Exeter (h)

FEBRUARY
4 Wycombe (A)
11 Accrington Stanley (H)
14 Blackpool (H)
18 Barnet (A)
25 Carlisle (A)
28 Morecambe (H)

MARCH
4 Crewe (H)
11 Colchester (A)
14 Grimsby (H)
18 Stevenage (A)
25 Newport County (H)

APRIL
1 Hartlepool (A)
8 Yeovil (H)
14 Plymouth (H)
17 Notts County (A)
22 Cambridge Utd (H)
29 Mansfield (A)

MAY
6 Cheltenham (H)

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

EASTLEIGH

NATIONAL LEAGUE

August
6 Guiseley (H) W 2-1
9 Braintree (A) D 1-1
13 Tranmere (A) L 1-2
16 Dover (H) L 2-4
20 Wrexham (A) D 0-0
27 Solihull Moors (H) W 2-0
29 Bromley (A) W 5-0

September
3 North Ferriby (H) W 2-0
10 Southport (H) D 1-1
13 Forest Green (A) D 1-1
17 Macclesfield (A) W 1-0
24 Sutton (H) W 2-1

October
1 Woking (A) D 3-3
4 Maidstone (H) W 3-0
8 Dagenham & Red (H) L 0-1
22 Lincoln (A) D 0-0
25 Torquay (H) W 3-0
29 Barrow (A) L 0-4

November
12 York (H)
19 Gateshead (A)
22 Aldershot (A)
26 Chester (H)
29 Maidstone (A)

December
3 Forest Green (H)
17 Southport (A)
26 Boreham Wood (H)

January
1 Boreham Wood (A)
7 Macclesfield (H)
21 Sutton (A)
28 Woking (H)

February
4 Braintree (H)
11 Guiseley (A)
18 Tranmere (H)
25 Dover (A)
28 Aldershot (H)

March
4 York (A)
11 Barrow (H)
18 Chester (A)
21 Torquay (A)
25 Gateshead (H)

April
1 Dagenham & Red (A)
8 Lincoln (H)
14 North Ferriby (A)
17 Bromley (H)
22 Solihull Moors (A)
29 Wrexham (H)

GOSPORT BOROUGH

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

August
6 Maidenhead United (a) L 0-3
9 Truro City (h) W 3-1
13 Eastbourne Borough (H) W 3-1
16 Dartford (A) D 0-0
20 East Thurrock United (A) L 1-5
27 Bishop's Stortford (H) L 0-1
29 Oxford City (A) W 2-1

September
3 Ebbsfleet United (H) W 1-0
6 Hampton & RB (H) D 1-1
10 Hungerford Town (A) D 3-3
13 Bath City (A) 0-4
24 Margate (H) W 1-0

October
8 St. Albans City (A) L 1-2
15 Chelmsford City (H) L 0-6
22 Wealdstone (H) L 1-3
29 Hemel Hempstead Tn (A) W 2-1

November
5 Welling United (H)
12 Weston-super-Mare (A)
19 Concord Rangers (H)

December
3 Whitehawk (A)
17 Ebbsfleet United (A)
26 Poole Town (H)

January
1 Poole Town (A)
7 Hungerford Town (A)
14 East Thurrock United (H)
21 Hampton & RB (A)
28 Maidenhead United (H)

February
4 Truro City (A)
11 Dartford (H)
18 Eastbourne Borough (A)
25 Hemel Hempstead Town (H)

March
4 Wealdstone (A)
11 Margate (A)
18 St. Albans City (H)
21 Bath City (H)
25 Chelmsford City (A)

April
1 Weston-super-Mare (H)
8 Welling United (A)
14 Bishop's Stortford (A)
17 Oxford City (H)
22 Concord Rangers (A)
29 Whitehawk (H)

POOLE TOWN

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

August
6 Ebbsfleet United (A) L 0-4
9 Maidenhead United (H) W 1-0
13 Bishop's Stortford (H) W 1-0
16 Weston-Super-Mare (A) D 0-0
20 Margate (H) W 1-0
27 Hemel Hempstead Town (A) W 4-2
29 Bath City (H) W 1-0

September
3 Wealdstone (A) D 2-2
6 St Albans City (A) L 0-4
10 Eastbourne Borough (H) D 1-1
13 Truro City (A) D 0-0
24 Welling United (H) W 2-1

October
8 Hampton & Richmond (A) W 2-0
15 Oxford City (H) L 1-3
22 Hungerford Town (A) W 1-0
29 East Thurrock United (H) D 1-1

November
5 Chelmsford City (H)
12 Concord Rangers (A)
19 Whitehawk (H)

December
3 Dartford (A)
17 Wealdstone (H)
26 Gosport Borough (A)

January
1 Gosport Borough (H)
7 Eastbourne Borough (A)
14 Margate (A)
21 St Albans City (H)
28 Ebbsfleet United (H)

February
4 Maidenhead United (A)
11 Weston-Super-Mare (H)
18 Bishop's Stortford (A)
25 East Thurrock United (A)

March
4 Hungerford Town (H)
11 Welling United (A)
18 Hampton & Richmond (H)
21 Truro City (H)
25 Oxford City (A)

April
1 Concord Rangers (H)
8 Chelmsford City (A)
15 Hemel Hempstead Town (H)
17 Bath City (A)
22 Whitehawk (A)
29 Dartford (H)

AFC TOTTON

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Hereford (H) L 1-2
9 Swindon Supermarine (A) L 0-1
13 North Leigh (A) W 3-2
16 Larkhall Athletic (H) L 1-6
27 Bishops Cleeve (A) L 2-3
29 Salisbury (H) L 0-4

September
10 Evesham United (A) D 0-0
24 Shortwood United (A) L 1-2
27 Wimborne Town (H) L 1-6

October
1 Yate Town (H) D 1-1
15 Tiverton Town (A) L 2-3
22 Slimbridge (H) W 3-1
25 Didcot Town (A) L 2-3

November
5 Bridgwater Town (H)
12 Mangotsfield United (A)
19 North Leigh (H)
23 Larkhall Athletic (A)
26 Hereford (A)
29 Swindon Supermarine (H)

December
3 Wantage Town (H)
10 Bideford (A)
17 Paulton Rovers (H)
26 Salisbury (A)

January
2 Winchester City (H)
7 Taunton Town (A)
14 Barnstaple Town (H
21 Paulton Rovers (A)
28 Shortwood United (H)

February
4 Wimborne Town (A)
11 Tiverton Town (H)
18 Yate Town (A)
25 Didcot Town (H)

March
4 Slimbridge (A)
11 Bridgwater Town (A)
18 Mangotsfield United (H)
25 Wantage Town (A)

April
1 Bideford (H)
8 Barnstaple Town (A)
15 Bishops Cleeve (H)
17 Winchester City (A)
22 Evesham (H)

SALISBURY

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Evesham Utd (H) W 1-0
10 Winchester City (A) L 2-4
13 Taunton Town (A) L 1-3
16 Bishops Cleeve (H) W 4-1
27 Mangotsfield United (H) W 2-1
29 AFC Totton (A) W 4-0

September
10 Bideford (H) D 4-4
24 Yate Town (A) L 1-3
27 Didcot Town (H) W 3-2

October
15 Slimbridge (A) L 1-2
18 North Leigh (A) L 2-3
22 Barnstaple Town (H) W 5-0

November
5 Larkhall Athletic (A)
12 Tiverton Town (H)
19 Taunton Town (H)
22 Bishops Cleeve (A)
26 Evesham Utd (A)
29 Winchester City (H)

December
3 Hereford (A)
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17 Bridgwater Town (A)
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January
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18 Swindon Supermarine (A)
25 Paulton Rovers (H)

March
4 Barnstaple Town (A)
11 Larkhall Athletic (H)
18 Tiverton Town (A)
25 Hereford (H)

April
1 Shortwood Utd (A)
8 Wantage Town (H)
15 Mangotsfield Utd (A)
17 Wimborne Town (H)
22 Bideford (A)

WINCHESTER

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Slimbridge (A) L 3-5
10 Salisbury (H) W 4-2
13 Mangotsfield United (H) L 0-2
16 Didcot Town (A) L 0-4
27 Tiverton Town (H) L 0-4
29 Wimborne Town (A) D 2-2

September
10 Hereford (H) L 0-2
24 Bridgwater Town (H) W 4-1
27 Wantage Town (A) W 1-0

October
15 Didcot (H) W 3-1
18 Shortwood (A) L 1-2
22 Taunton Town (A) L 1-3
26 Bishops Cleeve (H) L 1-2

November
5 Swindon Supermarine (A)
12 Yate Town (H)
19 Mangotsfield United (A)
26 Slimbridge (H)
29 Salisbury (A)

December
3 Barnstaple Town (A)
10 Paulton Rovers (H)
17 Bideford (A)
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January
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February
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11 North Leigh (A)
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March
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11 Swindon Supermarine (H)
18 Yate Town (A)
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April
1 Paulton Rovers (A)
8 Larkhall Athletic (H)
15 Tiverton Town (A)
17 AFC Totton (H)
22 Hereford (A)

PINK INK

Outspoken agent Seluk

Yaya Toure has apologised on behalf of his agent Dimitri Seluk for the controversial comments which led to his exclusion from the Manchester City team.

Here, the Sports Pink chronicles Seluk's outspoken past.

DEMANDS

Toure's agent demanded in March 2013 that the midfielder sign a new contract at City by a certain deadline and threatened his client's exit in strong terms, only for the deadline to pass. Toure, with little apparent complaint, signed a new four-year deal a month later.

GETTING SHIRTY

Yaya Toure.

The same month, Seluk also complained that the player was unhappy there were not enough posters of him around the Etihad Stadium and not enough of his shirts on show in the club shop. "At the club shop you can find shirts to buy with the names of every player, but not Yaya's," he said.

UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY

Seluk claimed the midfielder could leave City in summer 2014 because he felt he had been treated disrespectfully. One of his chief complaints was that no-one from the club wished Toure happy birthday when he turned 31 during the team's post-season trip to Abu Dhabi. That grievance was soon exposed as untrue and Toure joked about it before dismissing any suggestion he wanted to leave.

Barister Park made to fight for win in thriller

BANISTER Park enjoyed a see-saw victory over Athletico Romsey in Junior 5 of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

Leading 2-0 in the first half, they then fell 2-3 down before recovering to win 5-3 with goals from William Cox (2), Jamie Meredith (2) and Harry Parker. Will Pascoe (2) and Tom Munday replied.

Testwood Tornadoes thumped Sporting Compass 5-1 with goals from Lee Wilkinson (3), Jason Calcutt and Jirwan Gurung. Michael Halton replied for Compass.

Dave Middleton scored Burridge's second-half leveller in a 1-1 draw at AFC Itchen, who had led through Jonny Pipes.

Junior Division 6 leaders Testland Reserves' 100 per cent start to 2016/17 was shattered at Southern Sports.

Joe Watts fired a hat-trick as Sports won 3-1, with Conor Summers putting through his own goal for Testlands' consolation.

Hamwic Rovers struck NINE times in the first half en route to a 13-2 drubbing of Abbotswood. Goals came from Kamil Markiewicz (3), Maciek Szumski (3), Ollie Clifton (2), Pawel Burdzy (2), Dan Stockley, Dan Blake and Sam Withers.

Sam Vidler scored twice in the first half as AFC Forestside beat Nemesis 2-0.

Chamberlayne 'A' defeated visiting Riverside 5-3 with Ryan Lovell (2), Jack Sharpe (2) and Lewis Walsh on target. Lee Gallop (2) and Joshua Laryea replied.

Barton hit back in style to progress

Barton Peveril warmed up for next Wednesday's English Schools' FA Under-18 Colleges Cup tie against Varndean in Brighton with a 4-1 Peter Munro Cup first round victory over Basingstoke at Chestnut Avenue.

They had to come from behind to beat BCOT, Miles Gibson cancelling out the visitors' tenth minute lead, ***writes Mike Vimpany.***

Barton took control and a second goal by Tanaka Madzvamutse five minutes before half-time put them on the way to victory.

Basingstoke had a player sent off when Matt Brewer was brought down in the box and scored from the resulting spot kick.

A fourth goal by Miles 15 minutes from the end gave BP their 4-1 win.

Peter Symonds went on a scoring frenzy against Andover, thrashing Ron Bertie's youngsters 14-0.

Goals came from Pete Thatcher (5), Max Kirwan (4), Jamie Howells (3), Tom Steggall and Anthony Croucher.

Andover had a player sent off for a second bookable offence at 7-0.

Richard Tauntons' 5-2 win on the excellent South Downs artificial pitch was a feisty affair, but RTC came through with Effy Kazard scoring as brace, and Malik Gray, Kenny Gatera and Tom Ladbury one each.

Itchen won 4-2 against Sparsholt after a Nick Yeomans brace gave them a 2-1 half-time lead – right wing-back Rio Lambert having netted Sparsholt's equaliser.

Yeomans completed his hat-trick from a penalty awarded after Jack Barnes had been clattered, but Sparsholt hit back again through Bailey Durland. Fareham Town hopeful Ben Tiffin made it 4-2, but former Brookfield midfielder Charlie Cooper got a third consolation.

Action from Barton Peveril (green) v Basingstoke. Pictures by Stuart Martin.

Queen Mary's had their 3-0 win over visiting Portsmouth done and dusted by half-time - goals coming from Jake Newcombe (2) and Brad Elliott.

King Edward VI were beaten 2-0 at Havant, whose goals came from Tom Godolphin and Isaac Kolawole.

Wednesday's fixtures:

ESFA Under-18 Cup: Varndean v Barton Peveril, 1.30

Colleges League: Itchen v Richard Taunton, Queen Mary's v Brockenhurst, Sparsholt v Andover.

PINK INK

Extending 100 per cent record to six games

A.F.C. Spitfire extended their 100 per cent record to six games with an 8-2 trouncing of rock bottom Portside in Junior 3 of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

Matt Coulthard (3), Nick Jackson (2), Joey Harkett-Burgess (2) and Reece Badger netted, with Daniel Runnalls twice replying.

Second placed Portswood United saw their 100 per cent winning run ended with a 5-5 home draw against Royale Marine.

Haydn Lamb, Alex Buttler, Jerome O'Brien, Clayd Roach and David Gough (penalty) were on target for Portswood, with Tom Shann, Paul Eades, Harrison Reed, Kieran Reed and Bertie Shelley replying.

Dan Reeves (2) and Nick White scored as Romsey Comrades beat Mottisfont 2-1, Harry Dancer replying.

No doubting the star performer in Junior 4 of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

Aiden Reidy struck SEVEN goals as Mayfield Rovers stormed to an 8-1 win at Southampton United. Nick Chalk also netted.

Nathan Gray was another in-form striker – hitting four goals as Barway won 6-2 at Sholing Monks.

Emlyn Jones (penalty) and Danny Steel also netted, with James Newman and Jorge Abreau replying for Monks – both consolations coming via the penalty spot.

Whiteheart United beat Hedge End City 3-2 with goals from Chris Thompson, Tom Palmer and Ryan Nobes.

OT's & Romsey made it six wins from six in Junior 5 by hammering second bottom AFC Mayflower 10-1.

Harry Tulk led the romp with four goals, followed by Mitch Down (2), Shane Ridler (2), Jamie Beard and an own goal. Connor Brown replied for a Mayflower side who were 6-0 down at half-time.

Second placed AFC Hedge End Town came from behind to win 3-2 at Cricks – Macually Smith netting an 86th minute decider.

Ryan Judd and Chris Astridge had earlier netted, with Ollie Burroughs on target twice for the hosts.

Itchen Saints join Sunday leaders

ITCHEN Saints moved level on points with City of Southampton Sunday League top-flight leaders Chamberlayne after trouncing lowly Landguard.

Goals from Dean Johnson (2), Mike Saunders, Aidan Johnson and Matthew Bell gave the visitors a 5-1 win. Tunde Akintolu replied from the penalty spot.

AFC West End are just a point adrift of the top two after a 4-1 home win over KRL.

Tom Tuckey (3) and Steve Deacon netted following a goalless first half, with Micky Mandair replying.

Boyatt Wood are four points clear at the top of the Senior Division after a 3-2 success at AFC Riverside.

Rich Smith (2) and Adam Shepherd netted in a game where all the goals arrived in the first half. David Morris and Michael Collins replied.

C.D.A. are still searching for their first point after a 3-2 home loss to Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak).

Second placed RS Nomansland slumped to a 4-2 defeat at Testlands, who scored through Ryan Fuller (2), Callum Drake and Craig Johnson. Ben Dawkins twice replied.

Sam Treadaway, Joe Moore and Mark Barnard netted after a goalless first half, with Martyn Wolf and Tom Mason replying.

AFC Carpeting have conceded 47 goals in their first five Junior 1 games after an 11-0 blitzing at Bishops.

Kevin Stone struck a double hat-trick with strikes coming from Connal Dyke (2), William Harley, Marc Beston and Jordan Ayles.

Nine of the goals came in the second half.

Jake Howells in action for Eastleigh in Friday's FA Cup draw with Swindon. See pages 10/11.

Josh Daley scored in each half as King George won at AFC Bishopstoke

Curbridge remain three points clear of Hunters Inn at the top of Junior 2. They defeated Fawley RBL 4-3 with goals from Ali Ingram (2), Connor Young and Mike Worley. Simon Tate, Shaun Auger and Daniel Fry replied.

Hunters Inn netted through Tom Farr and Dan Hansford in a 2-1 home win over Test Valley, who replied through Sam Crabbe.

City of Southampton Sunday League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chamberlayne	5	4	1	0	17	4	13
Itchen Saints	6	4	1	1	19	10	13
West End	6	4	0	2	15	11	12
Crusaders	4	2	0	2	15	6	6
K.R.L.	5	1	1	3	12	12	4
Landguard	5	0	1	4	7	26	1
Bush Hill	3	0	0	3	2	18	0

Senior Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boyatt Wood	7	5	1	1	22	13	16
Nomansland	7	4	0	3	16	16	12
Testlands	4	3	1	0	17	6	10
Cricketers	5	3	1	1	12	9	10
Riverside	5	2	1	2	8	7	7
Yacht	6	0	2	4	7	18	2
C.D.A.	6	0	0	6	8	21	0

Junior 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC. Soton	5	4	0	1	30	7	12
Durley	5	4	0	1	19	2	12
Bishops	5	3	0	2	16	12	9
Eastpoint	4	3	0	1	9	6	9
Bitterne Ducks	5	2	1	2	18	10	7
King George	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
Southbrook	5	1	2	2	6	10	5
Carpeting	5	1	0	4	3	47	3
Bishopstoke	6	0	1	5	7	14	1

Junior 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Curbridge	6	5	0	1	22	13	15
Hunters Inn	5	4	0	1	15	10	12
Fawley R.B.L	4	3	0	1	19	7	9
Portswood	4	3	0	1	12	8	9
Marchwood	6	3	0	3	17	24	9
Lyndhurst	3	2	0	1	9	5	6
Test Valley	6	2	0	4	10	17	6
Fryern	6	1	0	5	11	17	3
Dorchester	6	0	0	6	12	26	0

Junior 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spitfire	6	6	0	0	25	5	18
Portswood	5	4	1	0	22	16	13
Bridge Manor	4	3	0	1	13	7	9
Winsor U.S.C.	2	1	1	0	9	1	4
Mottisfont	5	1	0	4	12	17	3
Romsey	3	1	0	2	3	9	3
Forest Home	5	0	2	3	9	17	2
Royale Marine	3	0	1	2	9	12	1
Portside	5	0	1	4	8	26	1

Junior 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chamberlayne	5	5	0	0	25	6	15
Portswood Res	4	4	0	0	20	3	12
Mayfield	7	3	2	2	33	23	11
Barway	3	3	0	0	14	4	9
Whitehart	5	2	1	2	15	17	7
Sholing Monks	7	2	0	5	14	24	6
Soton United	6	2	0	4	10	29	6
Hedge End	6	1	0	5	8	26	3
Nomansland	5	0	1	4	12	19	1

Junior 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O.T's & Romsey	6	6	0	0	32	8	18
Hedge End	6	4	1	1	28	16	13
Testwood	5	4	0	1	21	10	12
Bannister Park	6	3	0	3	14	11	9
Athletico Rom	5	2	2	1	13	11	8
Sp Compass	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
A.F.C. Itchen	7	1	1	5	15	21	4
Cricks	5	1	0	4	10	22	3
Mayflower	5	1	0	4	7	26	3
Burridge	5	0	1	4	5	21	1

Junior 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Testlands	7	6	0	1	26	6	18
Forestside	6	5	0	1	28	4	15
Hamwic	6	5	0	1	35	18	15
Chamberlayne	4	4	0	0	17	5	12
Park Gate	5	2	1	2	9	21	7
Southern	5	2	0	3	13	11	6
Nemesis	6	2	0	4	17	19	6
Abbotswood	5	1	0	4	7	31	3
Riverside	6	0	1	5	8	18	1
Itchen Res	6	0	0	6	11	38	0

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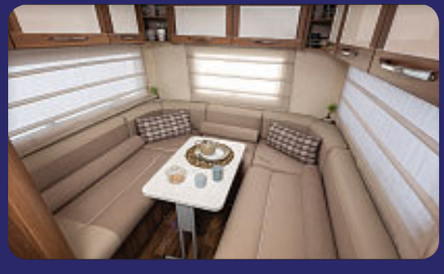

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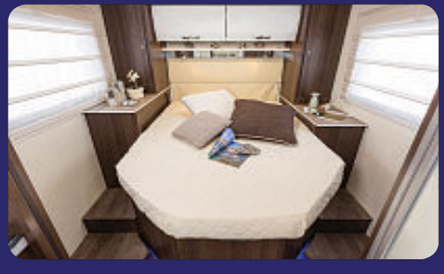

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Derby days

Arsenal host Tottenham on Sunday in what looks set to be another enthralling north London derby.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at five classic past matches.

Tott'ham 2 Arsenal 1 February 2015

For many, this was the day Harry Kane truly came of age, the striker scoring twice as Spurs fought back from behind to win and move above Arsenal in the table. Kane's second, a towering header four minutes from time, proved a fitting end to a pulsating contest.

Arsenal 4 Tott'ham 4 October 2008

Harry Redknapp's first game in charge at White Hart Lane ended all square as Tottenham came from 4-2 down with goals from Jermaine Jenas and Aaron Lennon in the 89th and 94th minutes.

David Bentley's early goal for Spurs, a dipping half-volley from 40 yards, was one of the best in this fixture's history.

Harry Redknapp.

Tott'ham 4 Arsenal 5 November 2004

A nine-goal thriller ended with the Gunners on top as another new Spurs boss, Martin Jol, began his tenure with defeat.

Arsenal goals came from Thierry Henry, Lauren, Patrick Vieira, Freddie Ljungberg and Robert Pires.

Arsenal 4 Tott'ham 4 October 1963

In front of a near-68,000 crowd, Tottenham stormed 4-2 up at half-time thanks Jimmy Greaves, Dave Mackay and a Bobby Smith double.

Arsenal pulled one back, however, late on and then - with 20 seconds remaining - Geoff Strong completed the comeback.

PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

In mourning for

By Simon **Walter**

Hampshire Cricket is mourning legends Jimmy Gray and Vic Cannings, who passed away in the same month as former teammate Leo Harrison.

Southampton-born Jimmy Gray is the second member of the 1961 County Championship-winning side to have passed away in the last few weeks, following Harrison's passing, aged 94.

Vic Cannings, who was also born in Hampshire, was a prolific bowler who shared the new ball with Derek Shackleton.

Hampshire Cricket Chairman, Rod Bransgrove, said: "October was the saddest of months for Hampshire Cricket, losing three stalwarts of the County in just one month.

"Following the loss of Leo Harrison a mere three weeks ago, the County learned of the loss of both Vic Cannings and Jimmy Gray in the space of a couple of days.

"Both of these players made an enormous impact on the fortunes of Hampshire in the '50s and '60s and, in the case of Jimmy Gray, went on to serve as Chairman of Cricket for some years after his playing days were over.

"Once again, the Hampshire Cricket community are collectively mourning the loss of these wonderful contributors to the history and tradition of this great Club and our thoughts are currently focused on their families and many close friends."

These obituaries are courtesy of Hampshire's Honorary Archivist, Dave Allen.

In 1962 Dennis Compton presented a cricket clock to Hampshire County Cricket Club during match with Lancashire on behalf of County Laboratories (makers of brylcream) to mark their achievement winning County Championship year before. From the left they are Mervyn Burden,Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie,Mike Barnard,Jimmy Gray,Derek Shackleton,Denis Compton and David White.

JIMMY GRAY (1926-2016)

Jimmy Gray, who has died aged 90, was one of the finest of all Hampshire's native cricketers.

He was born in Southampton in 1926 and was educated at the city's King Edward VI Grammar School, although evacuated to Poole during the war.

While there, he took up football and after some local success was taken onto the staff at Arsenal along with other cricketers including his friend Arthur Milton, the Compton brothers and the Hampshire wicket-keeper Ralph Prouton.

He spent four years at Highbury without a first-team appearance and eventually played with Bedford and Salisbury before concentrating on cricket.

He played for the leading Southampton club side Deanery and in 1948 Hampshire played two first-class non-Championship matches at Aldershot, giving debuts to Derek Shackleton and Jimmy Gray – choices that would pay significant dividends, not least in 1961.

Derek Shackleton enjoyed immediate and sustained success but the early years were tougher for Jimmy Gray.

From 1948-1950 he managed just two half-centuries and an average under 20, but in 1951 he broke into the side with 1,332 runs at 34.15 and the award of his county cap.

He then reached four figures in every season up to and including 1963 when he moved into school-teaching and played only part-time for a few years.

In three particularly fine seasons, the gloriously sunny 1959, the title-winning 1961 and again in 1962 he passed 2,000 runs and in the first and last of those averaged above 40.

In 1955 he formed an opening partnership with West Indian Roy Marshall which was one foundation of Hampshire's successes in 1955 (3rd), 1958 (2nd) and 1961 (Champions).

Gray's correct English style

PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

Hants legends

was the perfect foil to Marshall's brilliance and Jimmy was also a highly intelligent if sometimes cautious thinker about the game.

Jimmy scored 30 centuries for Hampshire during a period when bowlers frequently dominated the county game.

His best was 213* v Derbyshire at Portsmouth in 1962 and two years earlier he and Marshall set the Hampshire opening partnership record v Middlesex on the same ground.

Jimmy's career aggregate of 22,450 runs is the fourth highest for Hampshire, behind three Test players and the highest by a Hampshire-born player.

If this was not enough, he was a useful close-to-the-wicket fielder with 350 catches but even more significantly an effective medium-pace bowler.

His 451 first-class wickets (at 30 each) is almost certainly more than any player will achieve in the future.

In 1952 he took 7-56 against Nottinghamshire at Bournemouth and three years later 7-52 v Glamorgan at Swansea.

He played in just six limited-overs matches but had he been ten years younger, his all-round abilities might have made him very effective in the shorter format.

Jimmy's benefit realised £4350. He taught at Stroud School, Romsey and became Deputy Headteacher.

After retiring from teaching, he and Peter Sainsbury took over the 'Hampshire' sports business of Holt & Haskell.

Having been one of the finest Hampshire cricketers he returned to 'duty' in the 1990s on the Committee and as Chairman of the Cricket Committee, working alongside his good friend Neville Rogers.

VIC CANNINGS (1919-2016)

Vic was born in April 1919, in the Hampshire village of Bighton.

In his teens he played club cricket in north Hampshire, but then served abroad in the Palestine police so did not play county cricket until after war.

Hampshire could not afford him initially, so he joined Warwickshire and made his debut in 1947.

In that first season he took 63 wickets at just under 30 apiece but he played less regularly in the next two seasons.

Hampshire's veteran pace bowlers Herman and Heath had no obvious replacements and Hampshire, seeking a partner for the promising Derek Shackleton, approached Vic.

He came back to Hampshire in 1950 just after his 31st birthday and took 83 wickets at under 25 each in that first season.

He and 'Shack' bowled together for the first time at Lord's, dismissing Middlesex for 103 and Vic's dismissal of Denis Compton was the first of a number of times, such that the great DCS Compton became known as Vic's 'rabbit'.

In 1952, 'Shack' and Vic bowled unchanged in both innings in a victory at Southampton over Kent – in the first innings Vic also held three gully catches as Kent were dismissed for 32.

The two formed a fine opening partnership through the 1950s, as Hampshire finished 3rd (1955) and 2nd (1958) for the first time ever.

He took 100 wickets in four consecutive seasons, 1951-1954 and his 94 wickets in the wonderful 1955 season cost just 17.64 each and an economy rate barely above two runs per over.

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'The Best'

Ten Premier League players have been shortlisted for male player of the year at FIFA's inaugural 'The Best' awards.

The new incarnation for the world player of the year comes after France Football magazine reintroduced its Ballon d'Or award, which had merged with the FIFA equivalent in 2010.

Leicester duo Riyad Mahrez and Jamie Vardy along with now Chelsea midfielder N'Golo Kante have been recognised for the Foxes' fairytale title success.

Joining them are Manchester City duo Sergio Aguero and Kevin De Bruyne, Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez and Mesut Ozil and Dimitri Payet of West Ham.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Paul Pogba, meanwhile, both moved to the Premier League in the summer after starring for Paris St Germain and Juventus respectively.

Spain's Primera Division also has 10 representatives, including Gareth Bale, Cristiano Ronaldo, Ballon d'Or holder Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar.

The winner will be

Gareth Bale.

announced at a ceremony in Zurich on January 9.

Half the votes for the award will come from managers and captains of national teams with the other 50 per cent split between an online public ballot and submissions from more than 200 media representatives around the world.

NOMINEES

Sergio Aguero (Argentina/Man City), Gareth Bale (Wales/RMadrid), Gianluigi Buffon (Italy/Juventus), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal/R Madrid), Kevin De Bruyne (Belgium/Man City), Antoine Griezmann (France/Atletico Madrid), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Sweden/Paris SG/Man United), Andres Iniesta (Spain/Barcelona), N'Golo Kante (France/Leicester/Chelsea), Toni Kroos (Germany/R Madrid), Robert Lewandowski (Poland/Bayern Munich), Riyad Mahrez (Algeria/Leicester), Lionel Messi (Argentina/Barcelona), Luka Modric (Croatia/Real Madrid), Manuel Neuer (Germany/Bayern Munich), Neymar (Brazil/Barcelona), Mesut Ozil (Germany/Arsenal), Dimitri Payet (France/West Ham), Paul Pogba (France/Juventus/Man United), Sergio Ramos (Spain/Real Madrid), Alexis Sanchez (Chile/Arsenal), Luis Suarez (Uruguay/Barcelona), Jamie Vardy (England/Leicester).

PINK INK

England Test ratings

England slipped to a 108-run defeat in Dhaka as they were beaten by Bangladesh for the first time in a Test match, with their two-match series finishing all square.

Here, the Sports Pink assesses the individual contributions of each England performer:

ALASTAIR COOK

Looked nervy against Mehedi Hasan, who dismissed him three times in four innings. Still does not seem to know how to use his spinners effectively and, at times, did not appear to trust them. 5 (out of 10).

BEN DUCKETT

Would not have been anticipating trial by spin from the off - and it showed. A fluent half-century briefly raised hopes of an England win in Dhaka. Deserves another chance in India. 5.

Ben Duckett.

JOE ROOT

A disappointing series by his lofty standards although he was struggling with a stomach upset in Dhaka. Will know that 98 runs across four innings is a disappointing return for a batsman of his calibre. 5.

GARY BALLANCE

A contentious selection before this tour after underwhelming on his return against Pakistan in the summer and scores of one, nine, nine and five have only added fuel to the fire that his time is up. Will surely be relegated to a watching brief in India. 3.

MOEEN ALI

Proved he is England's best spinner, even if he is still a work in progress. Needs to cut out the loose balls that relieve the pressure on batsmen but a second career five-for in Dhaka was richly earned.

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Three races you can't miss next week ...

GRADUATION DAY

A rare Monday treat over jumps, with the Weatherbys General Stud Book Graduation Chase at Kempton a genuine crowd-pleaser. Won last year by Hennessy hero Smad Place, Nicky Henderson could hold all the aces this season as Josses Hill, Vaniteux and Volnay De Thaix are in contention to run.

LINGFIELD TWIST

Something a little different for racing fans on Tuesday in the shape of the Lingfield Park "Flat Jockeys" Handicap Hurdle over two miles. As its name implies, riders more accustomed to being on the level chance their luck over timber, with the likes of Tom Queally and Adam Kirby expected to lend their weight behind the project.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Fab stuff again at Cheltenham, but nothing is likely to quite match the scenes of last year when Sprinter Sacre wowed the masses in the Shloer Chase.

The exciting Fox Norton could be the one to watch this season.

It usually takes a good one to win the StanJames.com Greatwood Handicap Hurdle, with the Grade Three often a target for Philip Hobbs, who has claimed top honours in recent years with Rooster Booster, Detroit City, Menorah and Garde La Victoire.

Dawson 'ignores' ECB to play in BPL

By Simon **Walter**

HAMPSHIRE all-rounder Liam Dawson will play in this year's Bangladesh Premier League – despite advice from the Professional Cricketers' Association not to take part.

Earlier this month, PCA chief executive David Leatherdale released a statement for county players wanting to play at the BPL saying: "Those who do decide to travel as individuals do so at their own risk and, as in previous years, will be required to sign a disclaimer to that effect before they receive a No Objection Certificate from the England and Wales Cricket Board."

Dawson's former Hampshire teammate Benny Howell, the Gloucestershire all-rounder, was the first English player to confirm he will be defying the PCA's advice. He will play for the Khulna Titans.

Samit Patel spoke about the assurances he has been given when he signed up for the Rajshahi Kings last month. He said: "There is only one reason why I've decided to go – it's that we've been told by the Bangladesh Cricket Board that the security we'll be getting will be (the same) or as near as to the England touring team.

"There are a lot of international players going to the BPL, and I'm sure the security can't be that bad, they can't afford to risk it.

"I'm sure it will be tight, and it's about doing the right things, probably not leaving the hotel too much, just being clever, smart.

"I'm sure things will be OK.

"I've signed a disclaimer. It's not official yet, but I've signed it.

"I'm going to go. I presume (everyone will go). I think everyone has been told the same, that security will be the same as the England team's."

Liam Dawson in action for England

Other English players signed up include Ravi Bopara, Tymal Mills and Riki Wessells. Chris Gayle, Kumar Sangakkara and Andre Russell are also amongst the overseas players.

Dawson, 26, travelled to Bangladesh yesterday and will be available for all fixtures up until the competition's conclusion on December 9.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to joining up with Rangpur Riders – the competition starts in just a few days and Shahid Afridi is in the team too so it'll be good to go into the team and know him from his time here at Hampshire.

"It's going to be a good challenge – there's some very good overseas players in the competition," he added.

Dawson's franchise is captained by Afridi, who played for Hampshire in 2011 and 2016.

PINK INK

How India look ahead of England series ...

Mehedi Hasan.

England have headed to India ahead of a gruelling five Tests, hot on the heels of their dispiriting series draw in Bangladesh.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at how India are shaping up ...

HOME COMFORTS

Since England walked away with a barely believable 2-1 success four years ago in Cook's maiden series as permanent England captain, India have made their homeland a fortress. Twelve victories in their last 13 Tests have followed. Turning wickets have been their forte, with off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin their star bowler.

IN A SPIN

After being left in a daze by Bangladesh's spinners, most notably teenage rookie Mehedi Hasan, England will find little succour in India as they are likely to be confronted by similar pitches and better bowlers. While Mehedi was impressively accurate, he does not have the variations that Ashwin possesses, which could drive England to distraction. Ravindra Jadeja may not prove as deadly but can hold up an end.

BATTING ORDER

In KL Rahul, Murali Vijay, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli, Ajinkya Rahane and Rohit Sharma India can boast of a batting order that thrives on home soil. With the exception of the inexperienced Rahul, all their specialist batsmen average more than 40 in India.

What we learnt from Bangladesh

England lost for the first time to Bangladesh in a Test match as their two-game series finished all-square with one win apiece.

Here, the SportsPink looks at what we learned from the series:

1. England's top order are too fallible

In their last 44 innings, England have been at least four wickets down before reaching 100 on 20 occasions, putting an over-reliance on the lower middle order to bail them out of trouble, with Jonny Bairstow in particular rising to the challenge. What is more pressing, with India next up, is that several batsmen - most notably Gary Ballance, who had come in for Hampshire's James Vince - looked all at sea when facing spin at both ends on a wicket that turned extravagantly.

2. Spinners are still a work in progress

While none of England's slow bowlers did themselves a disservice, they were left in the shadows by the performances of their Bangladesh counterparts. Moeen Ali, still England's best spinner, was threatening but expensive, while Gareth Batty, Zafar Ansari and Adil Rashid all bowled decent deliveries among too many loose balls, allowing the opposition batsmen to dictate to them.

3. Ben Stokes is a superstar

It is not an over-exaggeration to say England would have lost both Tests had it not been for the talismanic Stokes, who thrived with ball and bat on a pitch not suited to his strengths in Chittagong, where he took six important wickets and scored more than 100 runs. By the end of the series, he was clearly England's go-to bowler as he could offer a measure of control others could not.

Bangladesh's players celebrate the dismissal of England's captain Alastair Cook in Dhaka.

4. Losing to Bangladesh is not a catastrophe

It looks bad on paper: Bangladesh had only won seven of their previous 94 Tests - and those victories came twice against an under-strength West Indies and five times over lowly Zimbabwe, the only team below them in the ICC rankings. Factor in that this was their first Test series in nearly 15 months and England's result looks embarrassing. But Bangladesh's batsmen are handy players on turning tracks and they have enviable spin resources.

England Test ratings

from facing page

Boosted up the batting order to five to accommodate a spinner although he looked at least one place too high. 7.

BEN STOKES

England's highest run-scorer and wicket-taker, he was quite simply their man of the series by a considerable distance. Eleven wickets at an average of 10.09 was remarkable. 9.

JONNY BAIRSTOW

Was England's unsung hero in the first Test with understated knocks in both innings. He also had his best series with the gloves in desperately tricky conditions. 7.

CHRIS WOAKES

Played both Tests, but only bowled 25 overs. 6.

ADIL RASHID

Thrives in one-dayers

Jonny Bairstow.

because batsmen constantly attack him but when the opposition have more time, the leg-spinner seems to be much less effective. Seven wickets at 29.85 looks a decent return but he did not look threatening often enough. 5.

STUART BROAD

After a quiet time in Chittagong, he sprang into life with a nine-over spell that yielded two wickets and may have changed the complexion of the game. 7.

GARETH BATTY

Did not disgrace himself in his first Test in more than 11 years in Chittagong. 6.

STEVEN FINN

Was ineffective. 4.

ZAFAR ANSARI

Responded well after a poor start in Dhaka. 6.

Vic was the man who liked a tie!

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His batting was less remarkable with a career average of around 10 and one half-century (for Warwickshire) but in 1950 he and Charlie Knott steered Hampshire from 131-9 to 152 all out and a tie with Kent.

Extraordinarily in 1955 at Eastbourne, Vic and Peter Sainsbury came together at 84-8 with Hampshire chasing 140 for victory.

The ninth wicket pair brought the scores level, at which point Sussex took two wickets without addition and Hampshire recorded the third (of four) ties in their history with Vic's dismissal twice enabling that result.

In 1953 he had the odd record of being the only bowler to dismiss the

Vic Cannings.

Australian's Bill Johnston. Vic was fond of last-minute thrills.

In 1955 he had Kent's Doug Wright lbw from the last ball to win the match, and against Oxford University one year later, Hampshire won by one run when Vic took two wickets with the last two balls of the match.

Vic was capped very soon on returning to Hampshire and having been similarly rewarded by Warwickshire, he added a third later with Buckinghamshire in Minor Counties cricket.

In all he took 834 first-class wickets for Hampshire in ten seasons at an average of 21.68 - all after his 30th birthday.

He took his benefit in 1959 (£3,787) then retired and coached at Eton for many years (John Barclay has written of being coached by him).

At 97 he was the second oldest living Hampshire cricketer (after centurion John Manners).

PINK LOCAL CRICKET

Bouncing back!

By Mike Vimpany

Calmore Sports and Langley Manor were rewarded for their 'bouncebackability' prowess at the British Gas Southern Premier Cricket League's glittering sell-out presentation dinner at the Southampton Novotel.

The local pair suffered the disappointment of relegation at the end of the 2015 season – but both bounced back in style to win their respective leagues at the first attempt.

Calmore were crowned Premier Division 2 champions, with neighbours Langley Manor celebrating the Division 3 title.

Langley completed a 'double' by also winning the T20 Plate competition.

Havant, Premier Division and T20 double winners themselves, joined Andover on the champions podium.

Almost 300 cricketers and officials attended the dinner and were entertained by former Kent and England captain Chris Cowdrey.

Award winners

Premier Division: Ben Walker, Havant (batting), Matt Metcalfe, Lymington (bowling), Tom Arnold, New Milton (wicketkeeping).

Division 1: Glyn Treagus, Andover (batting), Dom Clutterbuck, Bournemouth (bowling), Chris Park, Bournemouth (wicketkeeping).

Division 2: Danny Plume, Hartley Wintney (batting), Wayne Smith, Fawley (bowling), Kieron Earl, Fawley (wicketkeeping).

Division 3: Paul Hawkins, St Cross Symondians II (batting), Dave Orchard, St Cross Symondians II (bowling), Richard Featherstone, Fair Oak (wicketkeeping).
Fair Play: Havant (PD), Rowledge (P1), Sparsholt (P2), Fair Oak (P3).

Guide to the pictures ...

Bournemouth pair Dom Clutterbuck and Chris Park scooped the Premier 1 bowling and wicket-keeping awards, respectively. Teenage left-arm spinner Clutterbuck, currently studying at Oxford Brookes, took 35 wickets.

Dorset captain Park marked his Chapel Gate return by claiming the SPL1 wicket-keeping prize – 26 dismissals, 18 catches and 8 stumpings.

Matt Metcalfe took 40 Premier Division wickets to win the Barry Boorah ECB Southern Premier League bowling award for a fourth time in seven years.

The 721 runs Glyn Treagus scored this summer was not only a major actor in Andover's title triumph, but also won him the Premier 1 batting award.

Despite relegation, Fawley had two Premier 2 award winners, with the 35-wicket haul by off-spinner Wayne Smith securing the bowling award and Kieran Earl snapping up the wicket-keeping prize, with 22 dismissals.

Promotion winning St Cross scooped a Division 3 double with skipper Paul Hawkins (757 runs) and team-mate Dave Orchard (34 wickets) winning the batting and bowling awards respectively.

Langley Manor won the Premier Division 3 title – and the T20 Plate – just 12 months after being relegated.

It was some season for Ben Walker, left, who led from the front with 739 runs and 13 wickets as Havant romped to an ECB Southern Premier Division and T20 Cup double. The Havant captain receives the Premier League trophy from Matthew Leopold, Sponsorship Brand Manager, British Gas plc.

Calmore Sports players and supporters celebrate the club's Division 2 championship success.

Matt Metcalfe, left, took 40 Premier Division wickets to win the Barry Boorah ECB Southern Premier League bowling award for a fourth time in seven years.

Fawley off spinner Wayne Smith, right, was the 35-wicket leading wicket taker in SPL 2.

Champions ! Andover captain Matt Hooper (left), Langley Manor's Conor Browne, Havant all-rounder Ben Walker, and Calmore Sports skipper Mark Lavelle (far right) proudly show off their Premier League championship trophies.

PINK LOCAL CRICKET

Bournemouth's Dom Clutterbuck, right, scooped the Premier 1 bowling award. St Cross 2nds' Kevin Orchard, above, and Havant's Ben Walker, left, receiving the Premier League trophy from Matthew Leopold, Sponsorship Brand Manager, British Gas plc.

Back with a bang ! Langley Manor won the Premier Division 3 title – and the T20 Plate – just 12 months after being relegated.
Back (from left): Azeem Hamid, Steve Harris, Luke Jerram, Luke Mooney, Ben Morgan, Rob Noble. Front: Jack Budd, Nick Jenkin, Conor Browne (holding cups), Tom Spencer.

Bournemouth's Chris Park, left.
Lymington's Glyn Treagus, above.
St Cross skipper Paul Hawkins, right.

Long waits

The Chicago Cubs this week won the baseball world series title for the first time since 1908 - 108 years ago.

Here are some more protracted waits for honours.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

The Cavaliers' comeback triumph in the National Basketball Association's final against Golden State Warriors in June was Cleveland's first success since the Browns won the 1964 NFL title.

GB DAVIS CUP TEAM

After ending a 77-year wait for a British man to win Wimbledon, Andy Murray ensured Britain claimed the Davis Cup for the first time in 79 years when claiming a straight-sets victory over Belgium's David Goffin last November. Kyle Edmund and Andy's brother Jamie completed the team in Ghent.

BLACKBURN

The founding members had slipped into Football League

Andy Murray.

anonymity since winning their second title in 1914 and when businessman Jack Walker bought them in 1991 they were in the Second Division. After investing heavily in players and hiring Kenny Dalglish as manager, Walker's club - powered by Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton - pipped Manchester United to the 1994-95 Premiership crown.

NIKI LAUDA

Austria's three-time world champion beat Emerson Fittipaldi to the Formula One title in 1975, recovered from a car fire to triumph in 1977, but had to wait seven years to squeeze past Alain Prost for another Drivers' Championship.

MARTYN IRVINE

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Defoe 74 pen
HT 1-1

Burnley 3 — **Crystal P** 2
Vokes 2
Gudmundsson 14
Barnes 90
Wickham 60
Benteke 81 pen
HT 2-0
Att 19,196

Chelsea L — **Everton** L

Man City 1 — **Middlesbro** 1
Aguero 43
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HT 1-0

West Ham 1 — **Stoke** 1
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HT 0-0
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Man Utd	10	2	2	1	8	4	2	1	2	5	8	15
Burnley	11	4	1	2	10	6	0	1	3	1	9	14
SAINTS	**10**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**6**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**5**	**13**
Stoke	11	2	1	2	7	10	1	3	2	6	8	13
Bournemouth	11	3	1	2	10	6	0	2	3	3	10	12
Leicester	10	3	2	0	8	2	0	1	4	4	14	12
Middlesbro	11	1	1	3	5	6	1	4	1	5	6	11
Crystal P	11	1	1	3	7	8	2	1	3	9	11	11
West Ham	11	2	2	2	6	9	1	0	4	5	11	11
W.B.A.	10	1	2	2	6	9	1	2	2	4	5	10
Hull	10	1	0	4	3	10	1	1	3	5	13	7
Swansea	10	0	2	3	4	9	1	0	4	5	9	5
Sunderlnd	11	0	1	4	5	13	1	1	4	4	8	5

SkyBet Championship

A. Villa 2 — **Blackburn** 1
Kodjia 58 pen,70
Gallagher 54
HT 0-0
Att 29,712

Bristol C L — **Brighton** L

Burton Albion 0 — **Barnsley** 0
HT 0-0
Att 4,913

Huddersfld 1 — **Birminghm** 1
Kachunga 69
Jutkiewicz 73
HT 0-0
Att 20,200

Newcastle 2 — **Cardiff** 1
Atsu 3
Gouffran 45
Whittingham 77
HT 2-0
Att 51,257

Norwich 2 — **Leeds Utd** 3
Brady 24
Lafferty 88
Jansson 57
Wood 74, Vieira 90
HT 1-0
Att 26,903

Nottm For 1 — **Q.P.R.** 1
Assombalonga 38
Sylla 85
HT 1-0
Att 20,043

Rotherham 1 — **Preston** 3
Wood 71
Hugill 22
Robinson 27
Vermijl 81
HT 0-2
Att 10,013

Sheff Wed 1 — **Ipswich** 2
Hooper 36
Lawrence 32
Chambers 87
HT 1-1
Att 25,851

Wigan 0 — **Reading** 3
McCleary 1,5
Kermorgant 63 pen
HT 0-2
Att 10,277

Wolves 2 — **Derby Cty** 3
Helder Costa 61
Edwards 82
Ince 6,77 pen
Bent 15
HT 0-2
Att 19,858

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Newcastle	16	6	0	2	19	10	6	1	1	15	3	37
Brighton	15	6	1	1	17	4	3	3	1	6	5	31
Huddersfld	16	6	1	1	11	6	3	1	4	6	12	29
Reading	16	4	3	1	10	6	4	1	3	10	12	28
Norwich	16	5	1	2	14	9	3	2	3	14	18	27
Leeds Utd	16	4	2	2	10	7	4	0	4	9	10	26
Birminghm	16	4	3	1	14	9	2	4	2	7	9	25
Bristol C	15	5	1	1	10	5	2	2	4	13	12	24
Fulham	16	2	3	3	12	12	4	3	1	11	6	24
Sheff Wed	16	5	0	3	11	10	2	3	3	6	9	24
Preston	16	4	0	4	12	8	3	2	3	10	12	23
Brentford	16	4	2	2	13	6	2	2	4	8	10	22
Barnsley	16	3	2	3	15	13	3	1	4	12	11	21
A. Villa	16	3	5	0	12	7	1	4	3	5	9	21
Ipswich	16	3	4	1	10	6	2	2	4	4	9	21
Derby Cty	16	2	3	3	4	5	3	2	3	8	8	20
Q.P.R.	16	2	3	3	7	13	3	2	3	10	9	20
Burton Albion	16	4	2	2	10	5	0	4	4	8	15	18
Wolves	16	2	2	4	9	12	2	3	3	10	9	17
Nottm For	16	4	2	2	18	14	0	2	6	7	16	16
Cardiff	16	2	1	5	5	11	2	2	4	9	14	15
Wigan	16	2	3	3	6	7	1	2	5	8	12	14
Blackburn	16	2	3	3	10	12	1	1	6	6	13	13
Rotherham	16	1	3	4	9	13	0	1	7	8	25	7

FA Cup First Round

Bolton 1 — **Grimsby** 0
Trotter 20
HT 1-0
Att 6,649

Bradford 1 — **Acc Stanley** 2
Kilgallon 72
Boco 30
Clark 80
HT 0-1

Braintree Town 7 — **Eastbourne Borough** 0
Patterson 6
Elokobi 11,83
Muldoon 21
Barnard 68,74 pen
Akinola 88
HT 3-0
Att 645

Bury 2 — **AFC Wimbledon** 2
Hope 27,29
Taylor 61
Elliott 67
HT 2-0
Att 2,346

Cambridge 1 — **Dover** 1
Mingoia 38
Miller 82
HT 1-0
Att 2,620

Charlton 3 — **Scunthorpe** 1
Lookman 34,83
Jackson 40
Hopper 52
HT 2-0
Att 4,123

Cheltnham 1 — **Crewe** 1
Waters 58
Jones 73
HT 0-0
Att 2,880

Colchester 1 — **Chesterfld** 2
Fosu 46
O'Shea 24
Evans 50
HT 0-1
Att 1,840

Crawley 1 — **Bristol R** 1
Clifford 35
Brown 15
HT 1-1
Att 2,281

Dagenham 0 — **FC Halifax** 0
HT 0-0
Att 1,387

Dartford 3 — **Sutton Utd** 6
Bradbrook 5,17 pen
Ofori-Acheampong 52
Eastmond 1
Deacon 15,71
Biamou 23
Stearn 58,90
HT 2-3
Att 1,689

Exeter 1 — **Luton** 3
Reid 39
Hylton 11 pen,86 pen
Rea 71
HT 1-1
Att 2,972

Gillingham 2 — **Brackley** 2
Nouble 28,45
Gudger 13
Armson 27
HT 2-2
Att 2,410

Lincoln City 2 — **Altrncham** 1
Raggett 21
Power 59
Cyrus 75
HT 1-0
Att 3,529

Mansfield 1 — **Plymouth** 2
Hemmings 58
Slew 14
Fox 80
HT 0-1
Att 2,318

Merstham 0 — **Oxford Utd** 5
MacDonald 12
Ruffels 45
Hemmings 62,90
Roberts 63
HT 0-2
Att 1,920

M K Dons 3 — **Spennymoor Town** 2
Reeves 8
Thomas-Asante 12
Agard 14
Tait 19
Johnson 84
HT 3-1
Att 4,099

Northmptn 6 — **Harrow** 0
Anderson 6
Richards 11,54
O'Toole 70
Taylor 82
Hooper 90
HT 2-0
Att 3,306

Oldham 2 — **Doncaster** 1
Flynn 45
McKay 53
Mandeville 90 pen
HT 1-0
Att 2,984

Peterboro 2 — **Chesham** 1
Coulthirst 40,70
Blake 80
HT 1-0

Port Vale 1 — **Stevenage** 0
Streete 38
HT 1-0
Att 3,093

POMPEY 1 — **Wycombe** 2
Evans 47
Cowan-Hall 27
Akinfenwa 84
HT 0-1
Att 8,130

Shrewsbry 3 — **Barnet** 0
Sadler 27
Leitch-Smith 32
Grimmer 57
HT 2-0
Att 3,120

Stockport County 2 — **Woking** 4
Ball 9,45
Jones 18
Ugwu 32,59
Saraiva 90
HT 2-2
Att 4,025

Walsall 0 — **Macclesfld** 1
McCombe 23
HT 0-1
Att 2,334

Westfields 1 — **Curzon Ashton** 1
Jones 9 pen
Morgan 81
HT 1-0

Whitehawk 1 — **Stourbrdge** 1
Southam 12
Scarr 52
HT 1-0
Att 767

Yeovil 2 — **Solihull Moors** 2
Hedges 8
Khan 52
Byrne 57,64
HT 1-0
Att 2,118

SkyBet League One

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Scunthorpe	16	5	3	0	21	6	5	1	2	15	10	34
Bolton	16	4	3	1	10	6	5	1	2	10	5	31
Bradford	16	3	5	0	13	8	4	3	1	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	15	5	1	1	11	6	3	3	2	15	12	28
Bristol R	16	4	2	2	13	11	3	3	2	13	12	26
Northmptn	16	4	2	2	16	11	2	4	2	11	12	24
Rochdale	16	5	1	2	12	6	2	2	4	7	12	24
Peterboro	16	3	3	2	16	9	3	2	3	10	10	23
Wimbledon	16	2	2	4	11	12	4	3	1	12	9	23
Fleetwood Tn	16	4	3	1	14	10	2	1	5	9	11	22
Port Vale	16	5	2	1	14	8	1	2	5	6	16	22
Walsall	15	4	2	2	15	14	1	4	2	5	7	21
Millwall	15	3	2	2	11	9	3	1	4	14	18	21
Charlton	15	3	3	2	11	6	1	5	1	7	8	20
Bury	16	4	0	4	12	10	2	2	4	12	15	20
Southend	16	3	3	2	10	10	2	2	4	8	15	20
Oxford Utd	16	4	2	2	10	8	1	2	5	8	12	19
Coventry	16	3	5	0	9	4	1	2	5	6	13	19
Gillingham	16	2	4	2	10	10	2	1	5	12	19	17
M K Dons	16	0	3	5	7	16	4	1	3	13	9	16
Swindon	16	3	0	5	8	10	1	4	3	8	13	16
Oldham	16	1	3	4	4	9	2	3	3	5	9	15
Chesterfld	16	3	1	4	12	13	0	2	6	4	11	12
Shrewsbry	16	1	2	5	8	15	1	3	4	8	14	11

SkyBet League Two

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Plymouth	15	5	2	1	14	9	6	0	1	12	4	35
Carlisle	15	5	3	0	14	7	3	4	0	13	8	31
Doncaster	15	5	3	0	16	8	3	0	4	14	14	27
Luton	15	3	3	1	13	8	3	3	2	11	7	24
POMPEY	**15**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**17**	**8**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**6**	**8**	**24**
Notts Cnty	15	1	4	3	9	11	5	0	2	13	10	22
Crewe	15	2	4	1	9	7	3	3	2	10	11	22
Grimsby	15	3	0	4	9	10	3	3	2	9	8	21
Acc Stanley	15	3	2	3	12	13	2	3	2	7	7	20
Crawley	15	3	3	1	7	5	2	2	4	9	14	20
Yeovil	15	4	1	3	9	8	2	1	4	5	11	20
Morecambe	15	2	0	6	8	19	4	2	1	12	10	20
Mansfield	15	2	3	3	7	7	2	4	1	8	8	19
Barnet	15	2	4	2	10	11	2	3	2	10	12	19
Blackpool	15	3	3	1	12	7	1	3	4	11	12	18
Cheltnham	15	2	4	2	10	9	1	4	2	8	10	17
Stevenage	14	3	0	4	13	11	2	2	3	7	11	17
Colchester	15	3	2	2	13	11	1	3	4	6	10	17
Exeter	15	0	1	6	2	10	5	0	3	14	9	16
Hartlepool	15	0	5	2	7	10	3	2	3	16	18	16
Wycombe	15	4	1	2	10	7	0	3	5	6	14	16
Cambridge	15	2	2	4	7	11	2	2	3	6	8	16
Leyton O	15	1	0	7	5	11	3	3	1	11	9	15
Newport Co	14	0	3	3	9	13	2	2	4	7	9	11

Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

Celtic 3 — **Inverness CT** 0
Sinclair 48
Griffiths 63
Rogic 83
HT 0-0

Dundee 2 — **Motherwell** 0
Kerr 40
Haber 80
HT 1-0
Att 5,471

Hearts 2 — **St Johnstn** 2
Buaben 25
Paterson 87
Swanson 41
Kane 85
HT 1-1
Att 16,421

Kilmarnock 0 — **Hamilton** 0
HT 0-0
Att 3,387

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	11	5	0	0	20	3	5	1	0	14	5	31
Aberdeen	12	3	2	1	9	4	3	1	2	10	7	21
Hearts	12	3	2	1	13	6	2	2	2	8	8	19
Rangers	11	3	3	0	9	3	2	1	2	6	9	19
St Johnstn	13	2	1	3	6	8	3	3	1	11	7	19
Inverness CT	13	2	3	2	13	12	1	2	3	6	12	14
Kilmarnock	13	1	3	2	6	9	2	2	3	6	14	14
Partick	12	1	3	3	8	10	2	1	2	7	7	13
Hamilton	12	2	2	2	5	5	0	4	2	7	11	12
Motherwell	12	2	1	3	10	11	1	2	3	5	9	12
Dundee	13	1	2	4	6	10	2	1	3	6	8	12
Ross Cnty	12	1	1	3	4	10	1	3	3	5	12	10

Ladbrokes Scottish Ch'ship

Ayr Utd 0 — **Hibernian** 3
Boyle 28,77
McGinn 84
HT 0-1
Att 3,100

Dunfrmline 0 — **Raith** 0
HT 0-0
Att 5,649

Falkirk 1 — **Morton** 1
Miller 90
Kilday 87
HT 0-0
Att 4,432

Queen Sth 1 — **Dundee Utd** 4
Anderson 45
Durnan 14
Andreu 22
Fraser 57
Murray 77
HT 1-2
Att 2,316

St Mirren 0 — **Dumbarton** 1
Fleming 63
HT 0-0

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hibernian	12	3	1	1	10	4	5	2	0	11	2	27
Dundee Utd	12	4	2	0	11	5	3	1	2	11	7	24
Raith	12	4	1	1	9	5	2	2	2	9	8	21
Morton	12	4	2	0	10	5	1	2	3	9	10	19
Falkirk	12	4	1	2	12	9	1	2	2	4	5	18
Queen Sth	12	3	1	2	10	11	2	2	2	5	4	18
Ayr Utd	12	2	2	2	4	7	2	0	4	7	12	14
Dumbarton	12	1	3	2	4	7	1	1	4	8	11	10
Dunfrmline	12	2	1	3	10	13	0	2	4	5	10	9
St Mirren	12	0	2	4	3	10	0	2	4	7	14	4

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 1

Albion R 1 — **Airdrieonians** 2
R Stewart 90
Ryan 7
Russell 32
HT 0-2
Att 1,199

Alloa 4 — **Stenhsmuir** 1
Spence 8
Graham 29
Longworth 35
Cawley 60
Roy 36
HT 3-1
Att 458

Livingston 3 — **East Fife** 1
Buchanan 45,66 pen
Miller 49
Smith 53
HT 1-0
Att 907

Peterhead 1 — **Brechin** 3
McAllister 76
Caldwell 23,53,65
HT 0-1
Att 621

Stranraer 0 — **Queen Park** 2
Zanatta 44
Brady 87
HT 0-1
Att 446

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Livingston	12	5	0	1	18	7	4	0	2	13	8	27
Brechin	12	3	1	2	7	8	5	0	1	12	5	25
Alloa	12	3	1	2	12	7	4	1	1	15	8	23
Airdrieonians	12	2	1	3	9	11	4	1	1	12	8	20
Albion R	12	2	0	4	7	9	2	3	1	10	8	15
Peterhead	12	2	1	3	8	10	2	1	3	7	10	14
Stranraer	12	2	1	3	7	11	2	0	4	8	10	13
Queen Park	12	2	0	4	4	10	2	1	3	5	9	13
East Fife	12	2	1	3	8	7	1	2	3	7	8	12
Stenhsmuir	12	0	3	3	8	16	2	0	4	7	14	9

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 2

Annan Athletic 1 — **Arbroath** 2
Swinglehurst 45
Whatley 47
Skelly 90
HT 1-0
Att 326

Berwick 1 — **Cowdenbth** 1
Rutherford 19
Muirhead 90
HT 1-0
Att 454

Clyde 2 — **Elgin** 1
Gormley 2
MacDonald 6
McHardy 60
HT 2-0
Att 616

Montrose 0 — **Edinburgh City** 1
Gair 64 pen
HT 0-0
Att 388

Stirling A 0 — **Forfar** 3
Munro 7
Swankie 54
Cox 69
HT 0-1
Att 663

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forfar	11	3	1	1	13	10	5	0	1	11	6	25
Elgin	12	2	0	3	6	6	5	0	2	19	8	21
Clyde	11	4	1	1	13	9	2	2	1	7	5	21
Arbroath	11	2	3	0	9	5	2	3	1	10	9	18
Berwick	11	1	3	2	8	9	2	3	0	5	2	15
Annan Ath	10	2	1	2	9	9	1	3	1	7	7	13
Stirling A	11	1	3	2	4	9	1	1	3	9	13	10
Cowdenbth	11	1	1	3	4	7	1	2	3	10	14	9
Montrose	10	0	3	3	4	11	2	0	2	5	5	9
Edinburgh City	12	0	1	5	7	12	1	3	2	4	8	7

Vanarama National League

Forest Grn 2 — **Aldershot** 1
Doidge 17,90
Gallagher 88
HT 1-0
Att 1,638

N Ferriby 0 — **Wrexham** 0
HT 0-0
Att 528

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forest Grn	19	6	4	0	17	6	7	0	2	19	7	43
Lincoln City	18	5	2	2	20	6	6	1	2	16	10	36
Dagenham	18	6	2	1	13	3	5	1	3	15	10	36
Tranmere	18	7	0	2	13	5	4	3	2	12	6	36
Barrow	18	6	3	0	18	6	3	4	2	12	11	34
Aldershot	19	7	1	1	14	5	2	4	4	8	11	32
Dover	18	6	0	3	23	16	4	1	4	11	15	31
EASTLEIGH	**18**	**6**	**1**	**2**	**17**	**8**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**12**	**11**	**30**
Boreham W	18	4	2	3	8	6	4	4	1	14	8	30
Macclesfld	18	5	1	3	13	7	4	2	3	12	11	30
Gateshead	18	4	4	1	17	7	4	1	4	13	12	29
Chester FC	18	6	0	3	20	10	1	5	3	6	11	26
Sutton Utd	18	6	1	2	15	8	1	3	5	9	16	25
Wrexham	19	4	4	1	9	6	2	3	5	8	18	25
Solihull M	18	3	2	4	15	17	3	2	4	8	12	22
Maidstone U	18	2	3	4	11	18	4	1	4	12	14	22
Bromley	18	2	2	5	9	19	4	1	4	12	9	21
Torquay	18	4	2	3	11	9	1	1	7	4	15	18
Southport	18	2	3	4	9	14	2	1	6	7	23	16
York	18	3	4	2	13	7	0	2	7	6	24	15
Woking	18	3	2	4	16	16	0	2	7	10	23	13
Braintree Tn	18	1	2	6	8	16	2	2	5	8	17	13
N Ferriby	19	2	2	6	5	12	1	0	8	2	17	11
Guiseley	18	2	3	4	14	15	0	1	8	6	17	10

Vanarama National Lge Sth

Bath City 2 — **Concord Rgs** 2
Watkins 42
Monthe 90
Cawley 16,69
HT 1-1

B Stortfrd 2 — **Weston-S-Mare** 1
Richens 13
Akinwande 14
Ash 76
HT 2-0

East Thurrock 0 — **Maidenhead Utd** 0
HT 0-0
Att 298

Ebbsfleet United 4 — **Truro City** 2
Powell 30,74
Shields 81
Clark 84
Thompson 42
Neal 90
HT 1-1
Att 1,020

Gosport Borough 1 — **Welling U** 1
Wright 90
Coombes 11
HT 0-1

Hampton & Richmond 0 — **Oxford C** 1
Winters 51
HT 0-0

H Hempstead 1 — **Wealdstone** 3
Parkes 49
Benyon 56,90,90
HT 0-0

Poole Town 4 — **Chelmsford** 0
Surridge 26,45,66
Brooks 56
HT 2-0
Att 551

Vanarama National Lge Nth

AFC Fylde 5 — **Stalybrdge** 0
Bradley 13
Rowe 21,34,55
Williams 25
HT 4-0
Att 1,647

AFC Telford 1 — **Boston** 1
Wilson 65
St Juste 15
Smith 90
HT 0-1
Att 1,021

Brackley P — **Altrncham** P

Chorley 1 — **Nuneaton** 0
Carver 44
HT 1-0
Att 969

FC Utd of Manchester 2 — **Bradford Pk Ave** 3
Gilchrist 45
Thomson 90
McKenna 17
Dean 22
D Boshell 48
HT 1-2
Att 2,397

Salford City 0 — **Harrogate Town** 0
HT 0-0

Stockport County P — **Gainsboro** P

Tamworth L — **Darlington 1883** L
Newton 49,57
Galbraith 1 pen
HT 0-1

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
L	1	1	L	L	L	L	3●	L	3●	1	L	2	3●	1	1	3●	1	1	1	1	1	L	1	3●

26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
3●	1	3●	1	3●	2	1	2	1	L	L	1	2	L	1	1	1	L	1	L	1	L	1	3●

NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Biggleswade 2 Dunstable 2
Chippenham 3 Hayes & Yeading 0
Cirencester 1 Banbury 4
Frome 2 Cambridge City 0
Kings Langley 2 Dorchester 0
Leamington 3 Basingstoke Town 1
Redditch 1 St Neots 4
Slough 0 Hitchin 1
St Ives 0 Kettering 7
Weymouth 0 Merthyr 1
Division One South & West:
AFC Totton 2 Bridgwater 1
Barnstaple 1 Evesham 2
Hereford 2 Bideford 1
Larkhall 1 Salisbury 5
Slimbridge 2 Didcot 3
Swindon Supr 0 Winchester City 2
Tiverton 1 Shortwood Utd 2
Wantage 1 Mangotsfield 2
Wimborne 3 North Leigh 2
Yate 0 Paulton Rovers 1
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division:
AFC Portchester 2 Bashley 1
Andover Town 0 Hamworthy Utd 1
Bemerton HH 0 Newport IoW 1
Blackfield & Langley 8 Whitchurch 0
Cowes Sports 0 Alresford 2
Fareham Town 2
Bournemouth Poppies 3
Fawley 1 Amesbury 5
Horndean 1 Portland 3
Lymington Town 1 Team Solent 3
Sholing 4 Brockenhurst 0
Verwood 0 Moneyfields 4
Division One:
Romsey Town 0 AFC Stoneham 3
Baffins MR 4 Shaftesbury 5
Downton 3 Alton 2
Fleet Spurs 1 US Portsmouth 3
Folland Sports 1 Weymouth Res 2
Laverstock & Ford 1 Totton & Eling 0
New Milton 1 East Cowes Vics 2
Pewsey Vale 2 Hythe & Dibden 1
Ringwood 4 Andover NS 1
Tadley Calleva 1 Christchurch 2
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division
Andover Lions 2 Hedge End Rangers 1
Infinity 1 Hayling United 7
Stockbridge pp Liss Athletic
Division 1
Lyndhurst 1 Headley United 3
Combination Division
Bush Hill 2 Cams Hill 2
Four Marks 0 Paulsgrove 3
Hayling 4 QK Southampton 2
Headley 1 Fleetlands 1
Michelmersh & Timsbury 2 Liphook 2
HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP, second round
AFC Gulf Western 5 Durley 2
Bournemouth Electric 4 Athletico Romsey 0
Bournemouth Sports 3 South Wonston Swifts 2
Braishfield 1 Bush Hill 2
Chamberlayne AFC 3 Four Marks 0
Clanfield 4 Team Solent Res 0
ECS H-W Overton United Res
Fleetlands 4 US Portsmouth Res 1
Fleet Spurs Res 5 Colden Common 5 (5-2 pens)
Hamble Club Res 4 Bisterne United 1
Hedge End Rangers Res 5 AFC Stoneham Res 0
Horndean Hawks 1 Netley Central Sports 3
Liphook 5 Winchester Castle Res 1
Locks Heath 7 Bournemouth Res 0
Overton 1 Petersfield Town Res 0
Park Sports 3 Binstead & COB 0
Paulsgrove 3 Romsey Town Res 0
Portsmouth Water 2 AFC Petersfield 4
QK Southampton 6 Alton Res 1
Shanklin 1 Upham 1 (6-5 pens)
Soton University 2 Ryde Saints 3
West Wight 4 Baffins MR 3
Whitecroft & Barton 4 Sway 0
Winchester Castle 4 Tadley Calleva Res 2
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One East
Newport IoW 1 Sholing 0
Division One West
Brockenhurst 2 Lymington Town 2
Hythe & Dibden 0 Downton 0
Totton & Eling 1 Fawley 2
DREW SMITH GROUP SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE
Premier
Comrades 3 Nursling 1
Hedge End Town 1 BTC Soton 5
Senior 1
Alderbury 3 Priory Rovers 1
Bishops Waltham Dyn 2 Montefiore Halls 1

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